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JANUARY—	Foreign Missions	Board of Foreign Missions
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CONVENTIONS OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	Pastors	Congregations
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	43	28

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25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. N. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30
28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	58	37
39	Sacramento	1930	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	37
40	Long Beach	1931	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	64	37
41	San Francisco	1932	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	68	38
42	Los Angeles	1933	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	65	36
43	Oakland	1934	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	62	36
44	Riverside	1935	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	64	35
45	San Francisco	1936	Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	63	37
46	Phoenix, Arizona	1937	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph. D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	66	37
47	Sacramento	1938	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph. D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	37
48	Santa Monica	1939	Rev. Howard A. Anspach	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	60	37
49	San Jose	1940	Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	57	36
50	Los Angeles	1941	Rev. William H. Derr	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	38

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1941-1942

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The Rev. H. Derr, D.D., The Rev. Guy L. Hudson, The Rev. Henry W. Opperman.
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1943—The Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D., Mr. W. E. Lebold.

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1942—The Rev. William F. Poat, LL.D., The Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.
1943—The Rev. John Edward Hoick, D.D., The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D.
1944—The Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D.D., (Convener); The Rev. Francis C. Pryor.

Foreign Mission Committee

1942—The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D.
1943—The Rev. J. Edward Oslund
1944—The Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D. (Chairman).

Synodical Trustee on Board of Midland College

The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D.

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1942—The Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman, The Rev. Henry F. Schmidt.
1943—The Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D., (Chairman); The Rev. Charles F. Oehler, D.D.
1944—The Rev. Frederick J. Weertz, D.D., The Rev. Adam Schreiber.

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The Rev. John R. Broyer, Ph. D., The Rev. John C. Bitter.

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The Rev. D. Edward Wright, The Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman

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NEXT CONVENTION
St. John's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California
April 28, 29, 30, 1942

MINUTES

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

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FIRST SESSION

Los Angeles, Calif., May 8, 1941 - 10 A.M.

The Fiftieth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California opened with the Confessional Service followed by the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. The celebrants: Officers of Synod: Liturgist, Secretary Clarence F. Crouser: Homilist, President Wm. H. Derr, who preached the convention sermon.

SECOND SESSION

Los Angeles, California, May 8, 1941 - 1:30 P.M.

Devotional was conducted by the Chaplain, Rev. Harry R. Allen, on the theme, "The Glorious Church", based on Ephesians 5:25-27.

The President of Synod conducted the formal opening of the Convention by the use of the prescribed form.

The roll was called.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The following new members were introduced, Rev. Frederick J. Weertz, D.D., was introduced by Dr. J. George Dorn. The Rev. Carl A. Miller was introduced by his father, the Rev. W. C. Miller.

The following Synodical Convention Committees were appointed.

Convention Committees

President's Report: Dr. W. E. Crouser, Dr. F. J. Weertz, Mr. L. A. Schaefer, and Dr. H. A. Anspach.

ROLL OF SYNOD—NORTHERN CONFERENCE (For Location of Churches, See Apportionment Table)

Clerical Roll	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Address of Minister	Cong. Served	Lay Delegate	Laymen's Address
Adolph Jatho (E)	1887	1895	1634 Adeline St., Oakland			
Charles F. Oehler, D.D. (E)	1888	1893	1713 J Street, Sacramento			
William Brandes (A)	1888	1896	3266 Liberty Ave., Alameda			
Oscar H. Gruver, D.D. (E)	1892	1904 (1894*)	717 Carlston Ave., Oakland			
Harvey M. Leech, M.A. (E)	1894	1920	3005 Hillegas Ave., Berkeley			
Henry F. Schmidt	1895	1930	15 Latona St., San Francisco	Temple	George Lohman	15 Latona St.
James Chambers (E)	1896	1907	605 Kaweak Ave., Visalia			
John R. Broyer, Ph. D.	1896	1912	1357 Geary St., San Francisco	First		
William E. Crouser, D.D.	1898	1902	1204 Lincoln Ave., San Jose	Grace	George F. Kohl	490 Coe Ave.
Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	1898	1919	2516 Ashby Ave., Berkeley	St. Michael's	Wm. B. Scheehl	723 52nd St. Oakland
Emil Meyer (A)	1900	1919	215 Delmas Ave., San Jose	Bethel	Paul Reich	663 Morse St.
J. S. Herold, D.D. (E)	1900	1939	5452 El Camile Ave., Oakland	St. John's		
Francis C. Pryor (E)	1916	1937	16th and Grove Streets, Oakland	First	C. T. Gutleben	4815 Hopkins St.
John C. Bitter (E)	1917	1923	639 D St., Fresno	Wartburg		
Herman Lucas (E)	1923	1925	269 Dolores St., San Francisco	St. Matthew's		
Clarence F. Crouser	1930	1930	2458 41st St., Sacramento	First	James F. Clausen	914 39th St.
Adam Schreiber	1931	1937	2112 Lotus St., Fresno	St. Paul's	Pete Nilmeir	245 F St., Fresno
M. H. Geissler (E)	1931	1939	Box 166, Calwa	" " Sanger		
Henry W. Opperman	1933	1936	1709 L Street, Sacramento	St. John's	W. F. Bening	1320 Vallejo Way
Orval A. Awerkamp	1935	1935	513 13th St., Richmond	Grace	J. Torvik	5711 McBryde Ave.
Robert S. Romeis	1938	1938	1226 Farris Ave., Fresno	First	W. Alva Shafer	Rt. 1, Box 661
J. Edward Oslund	1938	1938	1135 O'Farrell St., San Francisco	St. Mark's	Wm. Capel	1815 Lyon St.

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John A. M. Zeigler, Ph. D., D.D.	1877	1919 (1907*)	2819 E. California St., Huntington Pk.			
C. H. Rockey	1881	1931	2127 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles			
C. W. Maggart, D.D.	1882	1926 (1892*)	2023 W. 82nd St., Los Angeles			
S. E. Bateman, M.D., Sc. D. (A)	1889	1913	1402 California St., Santa Monica			
J. Edward Hoick, D.D.	1894	1898	1041 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles	St. Mark's	N. N. Harter	2508 S. Bronson St.
Herbert J. Weaver, D.D.	1894	1900	6814 S. Cedar St., Huntington Park	St. Luke's	A. C. Bertelsen	969 Cogswell, El Monte.
William S. Dysinger, D.D.	1894	1916	1329 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles	English (@)		
Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles			
Peter Altpeter, D.D. (E)	1895	1922	Bonita, Calif.			
George H. Hillerman, D.D.	1897	1896	1272 N. Garfield Ave., Pasadena			
Warren R. Mottern, Litt. D.	1897	1909	211 N. Adams St., Glendale			
William F. Holl (A)	1898	1939	191 Argonne Ave., Long Beach			
Sylvanus H. Yerian, Ph. D., D.D.	1899	1926	4341 W. 59th Place, Los Angeles			
William C. Miller, S.T.M.	1899	1928	232 W. Olive St., Redlands	First	E. O. Seltun	Redlands
William F. Poat, LL.D.	1901	1920	3925 Walnut St., Riverside	Trinity	F. Simon	3675 Locust
A. J. Soldan, D.D.	1901	1929	10441 Ashton Ave., West L. A.	Village Church		
Daniel J. Snyder, D.D.	1903	1903	2085 Linden St., Long Beach	Trinity	Herbert H. Finke	22 W. 51st
William H. Derr, D.D.	1903	1912	377 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena			
Albert Fieblekorn	1903	1921	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia, Calif.			
Arthur E. Isham (E)	1907	1912	832 Alvarado St., Redlands			
Homer L. Bosserman (E)	1910	1936	Rt. 1, Box 339-A, Tucson, Arizona			
Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	1913	1930	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena	Trinity	A. O. Templar	1208 Oxford Ave.
William J. Dentler	1914	1916	330 Cajon St., Redlands			
J. George Dorn, D.D.	1914	1927	1733 N. New Hampshire, Hollywood	Hollywood	E. A. Morrison	1733 N. New H'pshire'
H. I. Kohler, S.T.D., D.D., Th. D.	1919	1930	7011 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles	Bethany	John Esterly	837 S. Cochran Ave.
Frederick J. Weertz, D.D.	1921	1941	3119 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles	First	Sidney Swanson	801 Glenmont, W.L.A.
D. Edward Wright	1923	1923	1009 S. Fourth St., Alhambra	Grace	L. A. Schaefer	111 S. Monterey St.
James P. Beasom, Jr.	1923	1937	1650 Capistrano Ave., Glendale	First	O. J. Sherrick	233 S. Kenwood St.
Carl A. Miller	1925	1941	Min. Christian Ed., Redlands	First		
Harry R. Allen	1926	1940	1120 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, Arizona	Grace	C. F. Johnsen	3rd & Moreland Sts.
Clifford B. Holand	1927	1938	823 20th St., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	F. C. Noel	348 21st Street
Guy Leonard Hudson	1930	1930	122 S. Almont Drive, Los Angeles	Beverly Hills	Dr. C. B. Witter	607 N. Maple, Bev. H.
Erwin T. May (E)	1930	1930	615 S. 6th Ave., Pocatella, Idaho			
Edward N. Spirer	1930	1931	6616 Irvine St., North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	Charles Hilger	11308 Blix
Delmar L. Dyreson (E)	1931	1934	30th Infantry, Presidio, San Francisco			
H. Paul Romeis	1931	1936	733 H Street, San Bernardino	First	A. O. Johnson	399 Alexander Ave.
G. Herbert Hillerman	1933	1933	1040 W. 163rd St., Gardena	St. John's	W. A. Erbe	933 W. 161st St.
(A. E. Grosclose, Supply)			1109 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara	Grace	Ole Veidt	1109 Anacapa
(Franklin P. Smith, Supply)			1312 Ingram St., Los Angeles	St. Paul's	William Har	1617 Monterey, Al'mbra
(Franklin A. Swanson, Supply)			8754 Byrde Ave., Inglewood, Calif.	Holy Trinity		
			San Diego	First	Paul W. Helder	4338 Felton St.

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Resolutions: Dr. H. J. Weaver, Dr. D. J. Snyder, Dr. J. R. Broyer, Dr. J. George Dorn, Dr. E. A. Trabert, and Mr. F. C. Noel.

Excuses: Dr. H. I. Kohler, Rev. O. A. Awerkamp, Dr. J. E. Hoick, and Mr. P. W. Helder.

Claims: The Revs. J. E. Oslund, E. N. Spirer, J. Bitter, W. L. Poat, and Mr. W. B. Scheehl.

Letters and Papers: The Revs. H. Opperman, H. P. Romeis, H. F. Schmidt, and Mr. Arthur Templar.

Tellers: The Revs. G. Herbert Hillerman, Adam Schreiber, Clifford Holand, R. W. Mottern, G. L. Hudson, and N. N. Harter.

The following fraternal delegates were received, and accorded the privilege of the floor. The Rev. Hans C. Jersild, pastor of Bethel Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, who brought greetings from the United Danish Lutheran Synod. The Rev. H. J. Pflum, D.D., President of the Board of American Missions, who brought greetings of the Executive Board of the U. L. C., and also those of the Board of American Missions, and of his congregation in Buffalo, New York.

The Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, representative of the Board of American Missions, who is at work at Morningside, Inglewood, California, and the Rev. Franklin P. Smith, representative of the Board of Missions at work at St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles.

Upon motion the first ten pews were designated as the bar of Synod.

First Vice-President, Henry Irving Kohler, was called to the chair, and President Derr presented his report.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fathers and Brethren:

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We have concluded another year in the history of our Synod and in our individual and congregational stewardship. This year completes the cycle of fifty years of missionary effort in the State of California. We are pausing at this time to take note of the way over which we have come; to show our gratitude to God for His gracious help, and to review the fruitage of fifty years of toil and self-sacrificing efforts of those who first pioneered this field. We are also thinking today of those who are now faithfully carrying on in the furtherance of the Master's kingdom on this west coast.

May that which we learn from retrospect quicken our pulses, fire our zeal and deepen our consecration, that we may be more able to meet the challenging prospects of the future.

In accordance with the rules of Synod, I hereby submit the record of official acts for the past year.

Resignations

Rev. Delmar L. Dyreson resigned his pastorate at San Diego, Nov. 27, 1940.

Rev. Edwin T. May resigned at Santa Barbara, Dec. 27, 1940.

Rev. M. H. Geissler resigned from the Sanger Church, Dec. 31, 1940.

Rev. Emil Meyer, resigned from Bethel Church, San Jose, May 4, 1941.

Calls Accepted

The Rev. Frederick J. Weertz, D.D., First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Nov. 1, 1940; effective Jan. 1, 1941.

The Rev. Carl A. Miller to the First Church, Redlands, as assistant and

Minister of Christian Education, March 23, effective April 8, 1941.

Installations

Rev. Frederick J. Weertz, D.D., First Church, Los Angeles, Jan. 1, 1941, by the President of Synod.

Rev. Carl A. Miller, First Church, Redlands, April 8, 1941, by the President of Synod.

Vacancies

First Church, San Diego, being supplied by Dr. G. H. Hillerman.

Grace Church, Santa Barbara, supplied by Rev. Albert Groseclose.

St. Paul's, Los Angeles, supplied by Rev. Franklin F. Smith.

St. Paul's, Sanger, without regular supply.

Bethel, San Jose, supplied by retiring pastor.

Anniversaries

Hollywood Lutheran Church. The pastor observed the Silver Anniversary of his ordination Oct. 4, 1940, sponsored by the Church council and societies. A reception followed. Worship service Oct. 6, 1940, with Dr. Maggart as speaker. President Derr brought greetings. The 20th anniversary of the church is now in progress. A banquet May 7, honoring the charter members and sons of the congregation in the ministry. Speakers were Dr. Pflum, Dr. John E. Buckley, and E. A. Morrison. The president of Synod sent greetings. The culmination service will be Sunday morning, May 11, with Dr. Pflum as the guest speaker.

The Wartburg congregation of Fresno, Rev. J. C. Bitter, pastor, celebrated a dual anniversary on Nov. 24, 1940. It was in commemoration of 25 years of history of the congregation, and 17 years of the pastorate of Rev. Bitter. Special services were held Sunday morning and afternoon. The president of Synod preached at both services, with the assistance of Rev. Adam Schreiber, who gave a German sermon in the afternoon.

On Dec. 8, 1940, Grace Lutheran Church of San Jose, celebrated the 45th anniversary of the dedication of the church building, and the 25th anniversary of the second pastorate of Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., making 31 years in all of services rendered Grace Church by Dr. Crouser. A whole week was given to these anniversaries, which included a banquet and other special events. The speakers were Rev. Clarence F. Crouser, son of the pastor, Rev. Orval Awerkamp, president of the Northern Conference, and the president of Synod, who preached the sermon on Sunday morning, and assisted with the communion.

The First Church of Oakland, Rev. Francis C. Pryor, pastor, celebrated its Golden Jubilee with special services Sunday, Dec. 8, which climaxed the jubilee week. On Friday evening, Dec. 6, Synodical Night was observed, at which time the president of Synod was present and made the address. Other ministers present who had part in the service were Rev. O. A. Awerkamp, Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D., Rev. Harvey M. Leech, Dr. E. A. Trabert. Mr. C. T. Gutleben, an official layman of the church, made some remarks with reference to the improvements of the church property. At the Sunday morning service Rev. Awerkamp, president of the Northern Conference, preached the sermon.

St. Matthew's, San Francisco, Rev. Herman Lucas, pastor, celebrated its 46th anniversary, February 10th, with special services, the pastor preaching the sermon. A banquet was held on the evening of the 13th, at which time Chaplain Dyreson, of Presidio, was the guest speaker.

St. Paul's, Santa Monica, held several services leading up to the fifteenth anniversary of the organization of the church. The first of these was held

Jan. 26, 1941, at which time the president of Synod brought a tribute to the memory of Dr. Ball, who organized the congregation and was its first pastor. Mr. F. C. Noel, a charter member, gave some interesting facts with reference to the work of the church and the self-sacrificing efforts of Dr. Ball in the promotion of this congregation in Santa Monica. On Friday evening, April 18th, the 15th anniversary was observed with a banquet. Rev. James Beasom was the speaker. Letters of congratulation were read from the president of Synod, and other clergymen and laymen.

The First Church, Redlands, Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor, celebrated its 40th anniversary Tuesday evening, April 8, with a special service, at which time the president of Synod brought the message. Special music was a feature of the meeting, as well as the induction of the pastor's son, Rev. Carl A. Miller, into the office of Minister of Christian Education. A reception was held at the conclusion of the service. Rev. Arthur E. Isham, a former pastor, and Rev. Paul Romeis, were present and brought greetings.

In Memoriam

Rev. J. S. Moser, a member of Grace Church, San Jose, passed away while attending the anniversary services in the church on Dec. 8, 1940. While Rev. Moser was not a member of the Synod at the time of his death, he formerly was active in the early history of the Synod, having organized Trinity Church of Riverside. He also supplied churches in San Francisco and San Jose.

Rev. Jens Christian Pedersen, a member of this Synod, died at his home in the parsonage at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, Thursday, July 11, 1940, at the age of 84 years. At one time he served Danish congregations in the Middlewest and on the Pacific Coast. In 1906, he became pastor of an English congregation at Salinas, California. In 1907, he accepted a call to the foreign field and was located in Liberia, Africa. He always maintained his membership in this Synod.

Items of Interest Concerning the Churches

Alhambra keeps its equipment right up to date. Four dozen new chairs were provided for the Bible School, together with 100 new Parish and Church School hymnals. Fifty additional copies of the Common Service Book were also added to the church equipment. This congregation regularly meets all its financial obligations. It is the only church which maintains its own private parking lot for the convenience of its members.

Beverly Hills congregation continues to make steady progress, expanding its facilities as the need requires. This mission is an example of good management, meeting its financial obligations as they arise. Its policy seems to be "pay as you go".

Glendale is fortunate in having many capable and active laymen, who cooperate with the pastor which accounts for much of the progress in that city. At the annual banquet, 300 members of the church paid tribute to the faithful services of Mr. F. J. Bowman, who for eighteen years was superintendent of the Bible School. Mr. Bowman has accepted the position of Director of Religious Education and Evangelism in the congregation.

Huntington Park congregation is "getting too big for its clothes." In other words, it has outgrown its present quarters, and needs a new church building. It has become necessary to hold two services Sunday mornings.

Long Beach reduced its debt to the amount of $2200 the past year. It also adopted a new constitution, bringing it in conformity with the model constitution of the U. L. C. A.

Bethany, Los Angeles. It is worthy of note that the accessions to this church are drawn from the unchurched in the neighborhood very largely,

and not from transfers from other Lutheran congregations. A Christian Clinic Class for young people is meeting with success, having an enrollment of fifty. Plans are being discussed for the purchase of additional property to meet the needs of this growing congregation. The installation of a public address system, largely made possible by two generously disposed laymen, will add much to the comfort of the "Mother's Room".

First English, Los Angeles. Activity in this congregation under the leadership of its new pastor, is manifest on every hand. Many new members have been added to the church roll in the past few months of the present pastorate. A fine cooperative spirit prevails and everything looks bright for the future. On Easter Sunday Morning, over seven hundred people were crowded into the auditorium to enjoy the inspiring services.

Hollywood. This church has improved its property to the amount of $600, which included the painting of the church, parish houses and Youth Hall. New drapes for the social rooms, an altar for the primary department, class room cabinets for supplies.

St. Mark's, Los Angeles. This church continues to maintain its interest in Synodical affairs, especially through its pastor and his wife, whom we recognize as historians. The pastor is the author of the History of the Synod. He deserves the gratitude of this body for his splendid achievement.

St. Paul's, Los Angeles. This congregation has passed through some trying times, being without a regular pastor for a long time. It is now making splendid progress under the care of Missionary Franklin P. Smith. The church property has been improved. Rev. B. L. Westenbarger gave acceptable service as a supply until the new pastor arrived on the field.

St. Matthew's, North Hollywood. "The Little Minister", as the pastor is known, is only so in stature. He is a big man when it comes to getting things done. His new educational building, erected within the past year, is an outstanding achievement in that rapidly growing congregation.

Pasadena Trinity. Quietly, but steadily, this congregation moves on in the acquisition of new members; paying its apportionment in full; meeting all financial obligations. It also has made some repairs to church property.

Redlands. The property of the First Church has been greatly improved in the interior. An inside stairway to the basement is a marked improvement and convenience. The exterior of the church building will soon receive attention.

Riverside Trinity. This congregation continues the even tenor of its way, under the capable leadership of its pastor.

San Bernardino. The church property has been much improved by the redecorating of the sanctuary, carpeted chancel, modern lighting system installed, and other necessary improvements, all at a cost of $400.

Santa Barbara. Grace Church has greatly improved its appearance by a new coat of paint on the exterior, and other improvements of a minor nature.

San Diego. Although without a regular pastor for six months, this congregation, under the leadership of Dr. Hillerman as supply pastor, has improved its property by painting both the interior and exterior, installation of a new heating system. The congregation is united in its efforts, and are awaiting the arrival of a new pastor who will begin his ministry June 1st.

Santa Monica. St. Paul's continues to make substantial progress in every way. Increase in membership, in attendance, and in giving, is most encouraging. The Easter offering approximated $1000.

St. Michael's, Berkeley. This is one of the 100 per cent congregations in the matter of benevolence, as well as in meeting all other financial obligations. A substantial reduction was made on the indebtedness on the

Parish house. One fifth of all receipts of the congregation went for benevolence. This is a fine record.

Fresno First Church. A committee is now at work drawing plans for the purpose of erecting a new auditorium, which is imperative for this rapidly growing congregation. It is hoped that by fall this new building will be ready for occupancy. Fifty new Common Service Books were purchased, and a new carpet laid in the center aisle, at an expenditure of $100.

Fresno, Wartburg. Improvements were made to the amount of $1000, which included painting and redecorating the church; new sidewalks laid; and a sprinkling system installed in the lawn.

Fresno, St. Paul's, is rejoicing in the completion of their new Parish house. The dedication was held Feb. 23, 1941, with Revs. Herman Lucas and Robert Romeis as speakers. Cost of the building was $4300.

Oakland. The highlight of the year was the celebration of the Golden Jubilee. This congregation was organized in Dec., 1890. New hymn books were presented by members and friends of the congregation. Another step in the physical improvement program of the church has been completed in the placing of a permanent roof on the much used garden house.

Oakland, St. John's. The balance of the mortgage on the church has been met, which makes $1020 paid in a little more than a year's time. New hymnals, altar hangings, donated within the past three months are some of the improvements made. The accession of 23 new members at Easter was quite encouraging.

Richmond. Grace Church over paid its goal of $1200 by $100. For the coming year it has set a goal of $1400, which no doubt will be met. Richmond is setting a pace which will not be easy for some of us to follow. The brotherhood presented the Bible School with 100 new hymn books. Other improvements to the property have been made.

First Church, Sacramento. It is to the credit and praise of any congregation when it meets its apportionment in full, and also raises the pastor's salary. We hope other congregations will follow the lead of First Church.

Sacramento, St. John's. Some improvements were made to the church property, and progress in all departments noted. The popular pastor of this congregation has been honored by being called to the chaplaincy of the State Senate. His name appears among "Who Is Who" in the ranks of the clergy. The Columbia Broadcasting Company has twice invited him to present the Coast network program, "West Coast Church of The Air".

San Francisco, First Church. Its beautiful church set upon a hill, with its distinguished pastor, is regarded as the ecclesiastical high spot in the Synod. Congratulations.

San Francisco, St. Marks, has the distinction of being the oldest Lutheran church congregation on the Pacific Coast. It possesses a fine church property with splendid equipment for all purposes. Under its capable pastor, it is forging ahead, making history for the future to record.

San Francisco, Temple. This congregation is gradually reducing its interest bearing debt. A special effort is being made to raise funds to repair the 70 year old church building, in preparation for the celebration of the Silver Anniversary, which occurs a year hence. This is one of the 100 per cent benevolent congregations.

San Jose, Grace. Substantial repairs were made to the church building, which included a new brick foundation, and new sills, which places its property in good condition. The amount owed the American Board of Missions has been fully paid.

San Jose, Bethel. This congregation faces a serious problem, due to the change that has taken place in the community, through the influx of

an Italian population, which is predominately Roman Catholic.

Sanger is at present without a pastor, and no report has come from there indicating progress.

New Missions Organized

After a thorough canvass of the territory known as the "Morningside Area", under the supervision of Rev. George Vulgaris, a representative of the Board of American Missions, favorable action was taken by the Board and Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, was commissioned to the field. Services were held in the Pierce Brothers Mortuary Chapel, a fine location, and all the appointments of a church. The work progressed to the point where it was wise to organize, and on Palm Sunday, March 6, 1941, such an organization was effected, with a charter membership of 92, the largest number of any group to organize in our Synodical history thus far. The Board of American Missions has purchased lots in the neighborhood upon which a chapel will later be erected. A fuller account will no doubt be presented by the secretary of the Synodical Home Mission Committee. This congregation seeks admission to the Synod at this convention.

Youth Meetings

The Synod cooperated with the United Lutheran Promotional Program, the emphasis being laid upon the youth of the church. Regional meetings were held during the month of September, 1940, in San Diego, Pasadena, Fresno, Richmond, and Sacramento. These meetings were conducted by Rev. James P. Beasom, and were well attended and much appreciated by the young people.

Action of the Executive Board of the U. L. C. A. With Reference to Constituent Synods

At the meeting of the Executive Board, held in New York, April 16, 1941, the following action was taken with reference to the new pension plan:

"Moved and carried that the entire matter be referred to the Legal Committee of the Executive Board in conference with the authorities of the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief, and, until the Legal Committee is ready to report to the Executive Board, the Executive Board requests the Board of Ministerial Pensions to give no further publicity to the matter either by printed pamphlets, by representation at Synods, or in any other manner."

2. With reference to the appeal, authorized by the National Lutheran Council, for contributions to the amount of $250,000 for work among soldiers and sailors, the Executive Board passed a motion of unanimous approval for the appeal and urges full participation by all of the congregations of the United Lutheran Church.

3. The Board adopted the recommendation of its Committee on Constituent Synods, with reference to inadequate salaries of pastors, as follows:

"We recommend that this Board, after contacting the presidents of the constituent Synods, proceed to make effective this action of the church through a letter to the church councils throughout the whole church, calling attention to the low salaries of ministers which have obtained through the depression years, and the accentuation of the resulting hardships through rising living costs which have recently set in and which no doubt will continue to decrease the actual purchasing power of already inadequate salaries, and appealing to the church councils to devise ways and means of bringing up their pastors' salaries to a level in keeping with living costs and the requirements of effective work in the pastoral office."

4. The Committee on Constituent Synods gave notice to the Executive Board that it would present to the next meeting of the Board, copy for a substitute Model Constitution for Congregations instead of a revised constitution.

Bequest

The Union Bank and Trust Company of Los Angeles, informs the Synod through the office of the president, of a bequest from the estate of Rev. Milton H. Stine, D.D., deceased. The Synod is to receive one-eighth of the residuary amount after all other claims are met. While it has been impossible to liquidate all the real estate involved, which may take some time, the court is asked to permit the distribution of the net sum on hand, or $21,000, in which the Synod will share to the extent of $2,625. This bequest is designated in the will for the purpose of helping to establish a home for Lutheran Old Folks.

Recommendations

1. Attention has been called to the fact that for some years past the Committee on Moral and Social Welfare has been omitted, and a request for its re-appointment has been received, we recommend that, in view of the moral let down in society today, constituting a grave menace to the home and the church, such committee by appointed, to whom such matters of social welfare may be referred, and reports made at the annual convention of Synod.

2. Believing the time has come when it would serve best the interest of all concerned, we recommend to the Women's Missionary Society, that it consider the advisability of holding its annual meeting at some other time and not in conjunction with the annual convention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. DERR, President

The report was received, and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

The Treasurer's Report for the year, with the auditor's endorsement, was presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

January 1, 1940 to December 31, 1940

		Receipts	Disbursements
BALANCES—January 1, 1940.			
Synodical Treasury	$ 774.43		
J. W. Ball Estate Fund	300.00		
Student Work Fund	10.50		
Mission Survey Fund	280.46		
Delegate Expense Reserve	71.08	1,436.47	
APPORTIONMENT—			
United Lutheran Church	10,657.66		$10,657.66
Synodical Treasury	3,200.02		
Mission Survey Fund	470.20		69.24
Delegate Expense Reserve	117.58		
Midland College	574.63		
Total Apportionment		15,020.09	
Midland College (Gifts)		328.05	902.68
Anniversary Appeal		85.00	85.00
Foreign Missions		70.01	70.01
Emergency Relief (Spring)		274.76	274.76
Lutheran World Action		1,132.87	1,132.87
Other Benevolences		104.83	104.83
Church History Fund		10.00	188.45
University Student Work		578.50	575.00
Offerings - Synodical Convention		15.05	
Luther League - Southern Conference Loan Acct.		82.32	
Ministerial Education		75.00	*300.00
Executive Committee Expense			158.84
Home Mission Committee Expense			47.52
Other Officers' & Committees' Expense			122.88
Officers' Salaries & Expense Allowance			850.00
Golden Jubilee Committee Expense			71.29
Stationery, postage and printing			50.77
Convention Travel Expense			191.44
Miscellaneous Convention Expense			27.36
Printing Minutes of Synod		60.00	300.01
Publishing Golden State Lutheran			157.94
California Lutheran Camp			122.35
Yosemite National Park Church			50.00
Sequoia National Park Church			25.00
Delegates per diem allowance - U.L.C.A. Convention			448.00
Synodical Brotherhood Expense			31.77
		$19,272.95	$17,015.67
Balance - December 31, 1940			2,257.28
		$19,272.95	$19,272.95

Consolidated Report of Financial Condition - December 31, 1940

Cash in Synodical Treasury	$ 1,486.86	
J. W. Ball Estate Fund	75.00	
Mission Survey Fund	681.42	
Student Work Fund	14.00	
Total Cash Balance		$ 2,257.28
Notes Receivable		1,600.00
Home for Aged Fund - Gross Assets		20,198.12
TOTAL GROSS ASSETS		$24,055.40

* $225.00 from J. W. Ball Estate Fund. Payments in February have exhausted this fund and this item will not appear again.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT - "HOME FOR THE AGED" FUND

Cash on hand January 1, 1940		$ 1,301.94
RECEIPTS—		
Rental of Stumpf Property	$ 545.00	
Interest on Savings Account	31.02	
Insurance Refund	6.27	582.29
Proceeds - Stumpf Property Sale		
Cash Payment	$ 2,000.00	
Fire Insurance Refund	82.00	
Payment on Principal	52.00	
Interest	8.00	
	$ 2,142.00	
Less Expenses - Recording Fees, etc.	24.13	2,117.87
		$ 4,002.10
DISBURSEMENTS—		
Taxes, Sierra Madre Lot	$ 229.46	
Stumpf Property	61.46	
Public Liability Insurance	18.71	
Settlement—Kaeferstein Estate	150.00	
Attorney's Fees on Above	50.00	
Expenses a/c Sale of Property	4.85	
Commission for Rent Collection	24.50	538.98
Balance December 1, 1940		$ 3,463.12
Received Two Hundred Thirty-Four shares of Los Angeles Investment Company from the Kaeferstein Estate. Present market value $5.50 per share		$ 1,287.00
Balance of Mortgage on Stumpf Property		2,948.00
Sierra Madre Lot at Cost		12,500.00
TOTAL GROSS ASSETS		$20,198.12

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer

Oakland, Calif. - April 4th, 1941

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California:

We have examined the books and accounts of William B. Scheehl, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and find them correct and in order, and the balances of two thousand, two hundred fifty-seven dollars and twenty-eight cents in the general treasury and three thousand, four hundred sixty-three dollars and twelve cents in the Sierra Madre savings account to be in agreement with the balances as shown by the bank statements.

Respectfully submitted,
THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Report adopted.

The Rev. Robert Romeis presented the report of Statistician.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

May 8, 1941

Fathers and Brethren:

The statistical sheets have been posted and with the following constitute the report of the statistician for the year 1940.

Reports were received from all congregations. Two were late, but for each of these there was a valid reason for the delay.

This was the first year that the new type of Parochial Report Blanks was used, and as a result minor corrections were necessary on a number of the reports. As we become familiar with the new blanks the number of errors should decrease.

In general, the membership figures show smaller gains and larger losses than those of the previous year, while the financial figures indicate definite increases over last year. A comparison of the more important totals follows.

	Synod	N. Conf.	S. Conf.
Baptized Members	650 gain	159 gain	491 gain
Confirmed Members	460 gain	148 gain	312 gain
Communing Members	87 gain	80 loss	167 gain
Sunday School Scholars	30 loss	28 loss	2 loss
Catechumens	14 loss	27 gain	41 loss
Men's Societies Members	76 loss	18 loss	58 loss
Youth Societies Members	463 loss	150 loss	313 loss
Property Valuation	$44,496 gain	$65,617 loss	$110,113 gain
Congregational Expense	6,001 gain	1,833 gain	4,168 gain
Benevolence (Apport.)	2,073 gain	637 gain	1,436 gain
Benevolence (Unapport.)	990 gain	326 gain	664 gain

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT S. ROMEIS, Statistician

Report adopted.

The Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman presented the report of the Archivist.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

During the past year the constitutions of the following churches were secured and filed in the archives:

San Francisco, St. Mark's; San Jose, Bethel; Gardena, St. John's; Glendale, First; Long Beach, Trinity; Los Angeles, First; San Bernardino, First.

Churches whose constitutions have not yet been filed in the archives are: San Francisco, St. Matthew's; Sanger, St. Paul's; San Jose, Grace; Redlands, First.

The attention of the chairman of the committee on Synodical Constitution was called to the fact that there is no constitutional provision requiring the submission of the constitutions of the local churches for filing in the archives of Synod.

Copies of the certified Minutes of Synod have been filed and are up to date. There is now another "ten year period" of minutes on hand and your archivist requests instructions as to whether they should be put in bound form at this time or not. Your archivist also requests an interpretation of By-Law XI of the Synodical Constitution which states, "These certified copies shall be bound into one volume for every ten years". At the present time only one set of these certified minutes in the archives has been put in bound form.

Copies of the Golden State Lutheran and of the Synodical News Letters for the years 1934 through 1940, with the exception of 1936, were received and filed. Your archivist would be glad to receive the copies of the 1936 News Letters from anyone who may have them.

RECOMMENDATION: At the present time anyone asking at the office of the First Church, Los Angeles, may secure the keys of the Archives. Your archivist does not feel that this is taking adequate precaution with these records, and therefore recommends that the Executive Committee of Synod be instructed to formulate rules governing permission to secure the keys of the archives and for governing the withdrawal of material therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

G. HERBERT HILLERMAN

Report adopted.

Dr. J. E. Hoick presented the report of the Historian.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

In grateful recognition of the mercies of the gracious heavenly Father, and the hearty cooperation of the brethren of Synod, your Historian presents the following report.

1. **The Book, the "Fruitage of Fifty Years", speaks for itself** — in its general appearance, contents, scope, and purpose.
2. **The brethren of Synod have spoken through it.**
3. **The members of the congregations have spoken for it.**
4. **The Church at large has given approval to it.**

A complete statement regarding costs of publication and distribution will be presented by the Golden Jubilee Committee under whose auspices the History has been published.

That material may be assembled and preserved for Volume II of the Synodical History, pastors are requested to send to the Historian, items of interest and programs of important events.

JOHN EDWARD HOICK.

This report was supplemented by oral reports given by Dr. H. A. Anspach, and Dr. W. E. Crouser. The report was adopted by a rising vote of thanks. The matter of suitable recognition was referred to Resolution Committee.

Dr. H. J. Weaver presented the report of the Necrologist.

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

Since we last met in our Synodical Convention, two aged ministers who served mission churches in our Synod in the earlier years, have entered the Church Triumphant. To them we would do honor at the Memorial Service tomorrow. The Rev. Jens Christian Pedersen fell asleep in Jesus, July 11, 1940, and the gentle Spirit of Rev. Jacob S. Moser, organizer and first pastor of Trinity Church, Riverside, took its flight from Grace Church, San Jose, Sunday morning, December 8, 1940. The Rev. William H. Derr will present an epitome of the life and labors of Brother Pedersen, and the Rev. William E. Crouser, D.D., will tell us of the ministry of Brother Moser.

I recommend that suitable memorials be inserted in the Minutes of Synod for these two brethren whose combined services in Lutheran Churches and Mission fields, including their retirement periods, lasted for 123 years.

HERBERT J. WEAVER

The report was adopted.

The Secretary presented the report of the Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your Board of Trustees reports the sale of the Stumpf property for the full price of $5,000.00 in accordance with an authorization given by action of Synod in 1936. The terms of the sale follows: $1,000 cash; $500 on completion of the escrow; $500 in ninety days and the balance at $50 a month at 4% interest.

All deeds, documents, papers, bonds, and notes have been safely deposited in a safe deposit box in the Bank of America, Oakland, California.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE F. CROUSER, Secretary

Report adopted.

Intermission of five minutes was declared following which an address was delivered by the Rev. H. J. Pflum, D. D., official representative of the U. L. C.

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Henry F. Schmidt.

The meeting on Thursday evening was under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society. Following the program, a reception was tendered the delegates by the members of the host church.

THIRD SESSION

Los Angeles, Calif., May 9, 1941 - 9:00 A.M.

The roll was called.

Devotions by the Chaplain, on the theme, "The Cleansed Church" based on Ephesians 3:13-21.

Minutes of the First and Second Sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, with time limits set, was adopted.

The Secretary presented the report of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California in Convention assembled:
Reverend Sirs and Brethren:

Your Executive Committee for the year 1940-1941 herewith presents a report of the manner in which it fulfilled the charge which has been entrusted into its hands by the Synod.

During the year, your Committee has met six times as an Executive Committee and once in conjunction with the Examining Committee under the special authorization of Synod. These regular meetings have been held as follows: April 25th, 1940, in the Montgomery Hotel of San Jose; July 23rd, 1940, in the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles; November 14th, 1940, in the First English Lutheran Church of Fresno; January 21st, 1941, in the First English Lutheran Church of Oakland; March 25th, 1941, in the First English Lutheran Church of Oakland; and May 7, 1941, in the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles.

Items of expense and bills allowed from time to time during the year will be found in the Report of the Treasurer and are, therefore, omitted from this report.

The Standing Committees for the year, as printed in the proceedings of the 1940 Convention, were approved by the Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to have printed 1,000 copies of the proceedings of that convention and also to secure the necessary stationery for the officers of Synod. He was also instructed to secure some suitable emblem or slogan for use thereon.

The publication dates of the Golden State Lutheran were continued as before.

The Synod, through the Executive Committee, underwrote unpaid bills incurred in the publication of the History of the Synod until the Synod could be reimbursed through the sale of the books and through congregational contributions.

The Committee met with the Golden Jubilee Committee and approved the general plans for the observance of our Fiftieth Anniversary. The Jubilee Committee was authorized to continue its preparations.

At the request of The Lutheran, the Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, D. D., and the Rev. Sylvannus H. Yerian, Ph. D., D.D., were appointed Northern and Southern Conference representatives respectively, to stimulate the subscription lists of that publication.

The resignation of the Rev. Clifford B. Holand, as a member of the Luther Associates, was accepted and the Rev. Guy L. Hudson was appointed in his place.

The Secretary was instructed to exert every effort to secure the presence of the Rev. Frederick H. Knubel, D.D., President of the U. L. C. A., at our Golden Jubilee celebration, as the speaker at the mass meeting. Failing in this effort, he was instructed to secure the Rev. Henry J. Pflum, D.D., of Buffalo, New York. Illness has prevented Dr. Knubel's attendance, but Dr. Pflum is our guest and official representative of the U. L. C. A. In securing Dr. Pflum, the Secretary received the full-hearted support of the officers of the Rocky Mountain Synod, and of the President of the Pacific Synod.

After receiving the approval of the Attorney of Synod, the President and Secretary of Synod were instructed to sign and seal the contract between the Synod and the California Lutheran Hospital regarding the use of the Lutheran Camp.

A per diem of $4.00 for 14 days was allowed the delegates to the Omaha Convention of the U. L. C. A.

The Committee approved the action of the Trustees of Synod in selling the Stumpf property.

A meeting of the Presidents of Synods upon the territory of the Midland

College was held last August. Because of the inability of our president to attend, our College Trustee, the Rev. George Dorn, D.D., was authorized to represent us.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Board of Foreign Missions requesting that some method be set up for reimbursing the pastors of our port cities for their expenses in caring for incoming and outgoing missionaries.

The invitation of St. John's Lutheran Church of Sacramento for Synod to hold its next convention in that city was received and referred to Synod for favorable action.

The Treasurer was instructed to report the market value of the bonds received from the Kaeferstein estate in his list of assets rather than the par-value.

The Treasurer was instructed to investigate the possibility of investing the Sierra Madre Fund in a safe place paying a higher rate of interest than the present 1½% paid by the bank.

The Committee recommends to Synod that all duly elected officers of Synod be installed at the Synodical Convention immediately following the induction of the president.

The Historian of Synod was complimented upon the completion of the book "The Fruitage of Fifty Years in California" and the Treasurer was authorized to give him a token payment of $100 in recognition of his services. The Historian was also granted permission to set aside a limited number of copies for complimentary gifts to our college and seminary libraries.

The sale of the booklets and the collection of funds was placed in the charge of the Golden Jubilee Committee.

The Committee instructed the Budget Committee to increase the per communicant rate from 25c to 30c per year for Midland College.

The Committee instructed the Committee of Ministerial Education, in conjunction with the Treasurer of Synod, to prepare suitable blanks for applications for assistance for young men desirous of entering the ministry.

The Constitution of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Morningside was read and approved and its application for membership in Synod was referred to Synod for favorable action.

The Constitution of the Village Church of Westwood, Los Angeles, was read and its application for membership in Synod was ordered referred to Synod without recommendation.

The following budget was approved and referred to Synod for its approval:

Proposed Budget for the Year 1941-1942

Officer's salaries and expense allowances		
President	$600.00	
Treasurer	100.00	
Secretary	50.00	
Statistician	25.00	
Editor, Golden State Lutheran	25.00	
		$ 800.00
Executive and Home Mission Committee Expense		250.00
Other officers' and committees' expense		100.00
Stationery, printing and postage		60.00
Synodical Convention expense		225.00

Printing Minutes of Synod (less W. M. S. share)	250.00
Publishing Golden State Lutheran	200.00
Yosemite National Park Church	50.00
Sequoia National Park Church	25.00
Ministerial Education	500.00
California Lutheran Camp	125.00
Total California Synod Budget	2,585.00
United Lutheran Church Apportionment	12,965.00
Midland College (30c on 5275 members)	1,580.00
Total Budget for all causes	$17,130.00

Recommendations

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the above Budget for the year 1941-1942 be approved.

2. That the invitation of St. John's Lutheran Church of Sacramento be accepted.

3. That Synod approve recommendation that all of the officers of Synod be installed immediately following the induction of the President.

4. That By-Law 5, Section 2, a, b, c, be referred to the Committee on Constitution that it might be made in conformity with the recommendation of the Executive Board of U. L. C. A., as shown in the Minutes of the 12th Convention of the U. L. C. A.

5. That the application of the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Morningside for membership in Synod be approved.

6. That the new Executive Committee be instructed to appoint the necessary officers for the Children of the Church.

7. That the office of Transportation Commissioner be divided and one be appointed for the North and one for the South.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was received, and recommendations were considered seriatim.

Recommendation No. 1 referred back to the Committee. Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 were adopted, and No. 7, referred back to the Committee with power to act.

The application of the Village Church at Westwood was discussed. Time having elapsed, the pending motion, "that we approve the application of the Village Church of Westwood" was referred to unfinished business.

Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman presented the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

Examination of the printed minutes of the Forty-ninth Annual Convention of the Synod reveals the following items which may require attention at this convention:

1. Instructions to the Treasurer of Synod relative to the communicant membership lists of the German Russian churches of the Synod. (Pg. 20)

2. Instructions to the Secretary of Synod to prepare a plan for coordinating the work of all the auxiliaries of the congregations. (Pg. 21)

3. The situation of the Social Mission Committee and the Disaster Relief Committee. (Pg. 21)

4. The Sunday School Secretary's recommendation of a constitutional

change. (Pg. 23)

5. Resolutions No. 3, 4, and 6 of the Report of the Committee on the Home for the Aged. (Pg. 32, 33)

The minutes were published in a most satisfactory manner and such suggestions of changes as may be beneficial have been made to the Synodical Secretary. The comparison of the protocol and the printed minutes satisfied your committee as to the care that has been taken in the recording of the actions of Synod.

One item that we wish to mention, though it possibly is outside of the jurisdiction of this committee, is that by provision of By-Law IV, Section 4, "There shall be two directors of Boys Work, one from each Conference". No such appointments were made, and St. David's Camp Committee does not fulfill the requirements of the By-Law.

Recommendations:

1. Inasmuch as the tables listing the Conventions of the Synod of California have now been published in permanent form to cover the first fifty years of the Synod in the Synodical History, we recommend that the listing of the first fifty Synods be no longer printed each year in the minutes of Synod.

2. That the Executive Committee of Synod be instructed to set aside five bound copies of the Synodical History as follows: One copy for the files of the Office of President, two copies for the files of the Office of Secretary, and two copies for the Archives of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Report was adopted.

Dr. Henry Irving Kohler presented Rev. E. C. Farnham, Executive Secretary of the Los Angeles Church Council, who brought greetings.

The Secretary presented the Report of the Special Committee on the Dysinger Application.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE DYSINGER APPLICATION

Reverend Sirs and Brothers:

Your Joint Committee, composed of the Executive and Examining Committees of Synod, was charged with the responsibility of studying the application of the Rev. William S. Dysinger, D.D., for the restoration of his name on the Rolls of the Synod of California.

The Committee has held three meetings since its appointment, and has held several conferences with the applicant either through the personal visitation of one of the members of the Committee, or through correspondence.

During the two years of study, your Committee has drawn up certain requirements with which the applicant was expected to comply before further action might be taken. These requirements were submitted to Dr. Dysinger who has indicated his willingness to comply with them.

We, therefore, recommend to Synod that the request of the Rev. William S. Dysinger, D.D., for the restoration of his name to the rolls of Synod be granted and that the Secretary be instructed to make such restoration at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted, and the name of Dr. Dysinger was ordered

restored to the roll of Synod.

Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman presented the Report of the Committee on Women's Organizations.

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

In compliance with the request of Synod last year that your committee secure a complete report on Women's Organizations in the Synod, a questionnaire was sent to all pastors. Twenty-eight replies were received. In these twenty-eight congregations there are thirty-seven Ladies' Aid or Guild Societies with a total of 1057 active members.

These Societies are other than strictly missionary, and devote their efforts toward helping the local congregation.

From the president of the Women's Missionary Society we received the following data: The Women's Missionary Society has forty-seven societies with 877 active members and 98 associate members. The Thank Offering in 1940 was $1560.79—a gain of $242.00. 53 Life Members and 5 In Memoriams represented an income of $705.00. Boxes for Home and Foreign Mission fields were distributed valued at $766.00. $5300.00 was sent to the general Women's Missionary Society for missionary work. There were 18 Reading Circles and Mission Study Classes with an enrollment of 348.

From the replies we learned that there are four congregations with only one women's organization, two with five and two with four separate organizations. The rest have two or three organizations.

With reference to one women's organizatiton in the church, a few pastors favor the plan but the majority seem opposed to it. The general trend in the majority of the congregations seems to be in favor of a Ladies' Aid or Guild with branches or circles devoted largely to the work of the local congregation. And a Women's Missionary Society with Young Women's Missionary Societies devoted to the study of missions and to the Home and Foreign Mission work of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

Report adopted.

Rev. H. Paul Romeis presented the Report of the Sunday School Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

Your secretary is pleased to announce that the Rev. Arthur H. Getz, secretary of the Parish and Church School Board, will be on the territory of our Synod, August 27th to September 5th inclusive, to present "A Congregational Program of Christian Education". Tentative plans call for two meetings in the Northern Conference and three in the Southern.

The work of the Children of the Church has been transferred to the Parish and Church School Board under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Fenner. In conjunction with the officers of the Women's Missionary Society, a secretary and treasurer of this important work will be appointed.

Your attention is again directed to the various aids in Parish education: The Observance of Parish Education Month in September; "The Guide and Standards in Parish Education"; the ever increasing number of leadership training texts and helps; "The Parish School" magazine; and the weekly church bulletin service.

It is recommended, as in several years past, that instead of a Sunday School Secretary, a Parish Education Committee be appointed in order to

present more adequately and efficiently the program of Parish education in our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
H. PAUL ROMEIS, Secretary

Report adopted.

Dr. H. A. Anspach presented the Report of the Luther League Adviser for the Southern Conference.

REPORT OF LUTHER LEAGUE WORK (SOUTHERN DISTRICT)

The Southern California District Luther League has had a fine year under the leadership of President Wm. Haar, of St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles. He has been loyally and ably supported by his subordinate officers, and by two members of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America, Robert Inslee and Howard Logan.

The annual convention last year was held in the Long Beach Church, and that for this year is scheduled for May 23-25, in the Alhambra Church. Quarterly conventions were held in Phoenix, (this a fine venture of faith that proved to be justified by the good works of a splendid attendance and convention) over the Labor Day week end; in Bethany Church, in November; and St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles, in February.

A youth rally is being sponsored by the district as part of the Golden Jubilee. President Wiegman of Midland College will speak on the subject, "Tomorrow is Ours."

Monthly meetings of the Executive Committee have been held in First Church, Los Angeles, and special meetings for the instruction and encouragement of the officers of the various leagues have been held, that all might be informed as to their respective duties and responsibilities.

That leadership and application to the task has been fruitful of fine results will be seen in the report that the quota for the missionary project, dues, and sustaining membership quota have been over-subscribed. It is worthy of note that this district was the first group of the Luther League of America and Canada to meet the sustaining membership objective. Pastors of the southern district congregations were honored by their respective leagues, which made them sustaining members.

Under the able direction of Frank Larsen, Huntington Park Church, athletics have had a successful year, with competition in baseball, basketball, and ping-pong.

The Extension Committee has visited various leagues for promotional purposes; subscriptions to the Luther League Review have been emphasized and greatly increased; a two day retreat at the Lutheran Camp was successfully sponsored; fine fellowship throughout the district has been fostered; and one new league, Santa Monica, has been added to the roster, with one or two others expected to be added shortly.

Present indications are that about a half dozen leaguers of the district will attend the bi-ennial convention this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
H. A. ANSPACH, Adviser

Report adopted.

The Rev. Robert S. Romeis presented the Report of the Luther League Adviser of the Northern Conference.

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE WORK (NORTHERN DISTRICT)

The Luther League of the Northern District met in Convention at First Church, Fresno, on November 2nd and 3rd. The Convention opened with a banquet on Saturday evening at the Hotel Fresno, the Convention headquarters. Dean James Malloch of St. James' Cathedral was the speaker of the evening. His subject was "What Can Young People Believe Today?" Mr. Robert Inslee, National Luther League Vice-President, and Mr. Howard Logan also spoke. The latter brought out the fact that the Luther League of California has been very lax in the matter of subscriptions to the Luther League Review, and he urged that this year a definite improvement be shown. Mr. Roy Vosseler of San Jose was chosen to lead the District as President.

Sunday morning the Leaguers attended the Holy Communion Service held at First Church. Rev. Robert S. Romeis preached the sermon on the theme of the Convention, "Thy Will Be Done". After the installation of the officers, the young folks toured to the Friant Dam and saw the beginning of that great project.

Since the Convention the Executive Committee has held two meetings. Plans are under way for a Spring Rally to be held on May 25th at St. Mark's Church, San Francisco. The Leagues have shown an increase in Luther League Review subscriptions, but a real increase in general interest has not been evidenced. One issue of the District publication, "The Microphone" was published by St. John's League of Sacramento.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. ROMEIS, Adviser

Report adopted.

Rev. D. Edward Wright presented the Report of St. David's Camp.

REPORT OF ST. DAVID'S CAMP

July 1-11, 1940

It has been the good fortune of our Synod to place a definite Summer Camp Program before our youth for the past 15 years. There is no other program that will quite touch the hearts and lives of youth so much as a Camp Program. Those of us who have had this responsibility—The Rev. W. H. Derr, Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman, Rev. H. Paul Romeis, Rev. E. T. May, Rev. D. Edward Wright, and Frank Larsen, can truthfully say as instructors that we love our work with the youth, we love their fellowship, their laughter, their kindness and their joy.

The program consists of discussion groups, worship and devotional experiences, contact with other boys and girls, supervised recreation and sports, camp skills and crafts; in fact every element of the total program is built to meet the needs of boys and girls who are growing, spiritually, physically and mentally.

There were 38 boys at camp. The receipts totaled $393.45. Disbursements $384.42. Balance for period $9.03. Amount carried forward $121.65. A grand total of $130.68 deposited in Bank of America, Alhambra, under the account of St. David's Lutheran Camp of the Southern Conference. The account was duly audited and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,

D. EDWARD WRIGHT, Chief

Report adopted.

Rev. J. P. Beasom presented the report of the Social Missions Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MISSIONS

Your committee has devoted itself to the task of carrying out the program and suggestions of the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America. Active work is being carried on both in the north and south by special inner mission societies.

The institutes which were planned by the Board for the Pacific coast were cancelled because of the difficulty of the transportation of speakers from the east. It is hoped that this may be possible during the coming year.

Following the promotional program, your chairman held evangelism meetings with the youth of the church throughout September and October at San Diego, Pasadena, Fresno, Phoenix, Sacramento and Richmond. These were all well attended.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

Report was adopted.

Rev. J. Edward Oslund presented the report of the Claims Committee.

REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE

The following claims are approved by your committee:

Transportation expenses		$167.69
Special Claims:		
Ministerial Education Committee	$ .84	
Women's Organizations Committee	1.63	
Transportation Commissioner	3.85	
State of Church Committee	1.26	
Convention Janitor	5.00	
Convention Stenographer	10.00	
Expenses of Sale of Histories	3.80	
Postage on Histories, etc.	6.94	
Total Special Claims		33.32
Total Claims		$201.01

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

Report was adopted.

Rev. J. P. Beasom presented the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

At the last meeting of Synod the only request for ministerial aid was that of Paul H. Wolpert for two hundred and fifty dollars aid to continue his studies for the ministry at Mt. Airy Theological Seminary. Synod granted this aid and also approved a request to the Board of Education for seventy-five dollars for his transportation expense.

In September of 1940, Albert Alvin Alsop, a member of the Hollywood Lutheran Church, applied for two hundred dollars Synodical aid to continue his studies as a junior in Midland College. After considerable correspondence with members of the Committee, and also with the approval of the Executive Committee of Synod, this aid was granted and a request for thirty dollars from the Board of Education approved.

Both of these young men have good reports—Paul Wolpert standing

in the first third of his class and Albert Alvin Alsop in the middle third of his class.

Applications for renewal of aid, properly filled out and signed by each of the above named students, are in the hands of your Committee.

We recommend:

First, That Synodical aid of two hundred and fifty dollars be granted Paul H. Wolpert to continue his studies in Mt. Airy Theological Seminary.

Second, That Synodical aid of two hundred dollars be granted Albert Alvin Alsop to continue his studies for the ministry at Midland College, and also, a grant of thirty dollars from the Board of Education for transportation.

Third, That hereafter any person desiring Synodical aid to study for the ministry shall be required to appear in person before the Committtee, or the chairman of the Committee, or such person or persons whom the chairman may appoint.

THE COMMITTEE

Report adopted.

Rev. H. J. Weaver presented the verbal report of the Examining Committee, stating that no applications had been made, and therefore no work had been done.

Dr. E. A. Trabert presented the Report of the Transportation Commissioner.

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER

Many and heavy demands have been made upon your Transportation Commissioner during the past year. The renewal of the passes for the President of the Synod was secured, and transportation for the members of the Executive Committee and of the Mission Committee also was provided for. It has further been our privilege to secure free transportation for several members of the Synod who were engaged in official duties in behalf of the Church and its work. The presence of Dr. Paul H. Roth at this convention of the Synod was secured through free transportation provided by the Great Northern Railroad from Minneapolis, Minn., to Portland, Oregon, and by the Southern Pacific Company from Portland to Los Angeles. As far as I have been able to determine the Synod of California has been saved more than $300.00 by this service.

In addition to serving the Synod it has been my privilege to aid many of the missionaries of the United Lutheran Church in securing clerical transportation to eastern points after arriving from the orient.

In view of the splendid assistance given to the Synod in its work by providing free transportation I would recommend the adoption of the following resolution to be transmitted to Mr. M. Deppen, General Passenger Agent of the Southern Pacific, also to the General Passenger Agent of the Santa Fe Railroad:

RESOLVED, That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, of the United Lutheran Church in America, hereby expresses its gratitude to the Southern Pacific Company, also to the Santa Fe Railroad for the splendid courtesies which have been granted to this body during the past year. In this service they have aided greatly in promoting the cause of righteousness in life; and further,

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Synod of California be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Southern Pacific Company, also to the Santa Fe Railroad Company.

In securing the transportation indicated above your Transportation

Commissioner has expended the sum of $3.85.

Respectfully submitted,
EARNEST A. TRABERT,
Transportation Commissioner.

The report was adopted.

Following a three minute recess, an address was given by Dr. Paul H. Roth.

The session was closed with prayer by Dr. J. A. M. Ziegler.

FOURTH SESSION

Los Angeles, California, May 9, 1941 - 2:00 P.M.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. W. C. Miller.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the Third Session, approved as corrected.

The following visitors were introduced: The Revs. A. L. Groseclose, Karl Klinger, Fred C. Wiegman, D.D., and A. M. Knudsen, D.D.

Rev. Snyder presented Dr. John A. M. Ziegler, and greeted him on his 86th birthday.

The tellers reported the election of Rev. Wm. H. Derr, as President.

Mr. Emil Sass presented the Report of the Synodical Brotherhood.

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

Los Angeles, Calif., May 9, 1941

The Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California was organized at the meeting of Synod in San Jose, California, in April of 1940.

At this meeting there were present 27 laymen of the various churches of Synod.

The meeting was called to order by Wm. Bening, chairman of the Committee appointed by Synod to establish a State Brotherhood.

A constitution was presented and adopted.

The following name was also adopted at this time: California Lutheran Brotherhood of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of California.

The following officers were elected to serve for one year:

President—Wm. Bening of Sacramento.
Vice-President—Dr. C. B. Witter of Los Angeles.
Secretary—E. W. Sass of San Francisco.
Treasurer—Clarence L. Derr of Pasadena.

A dinner was held on the evening of our organization, attended by 40 laymen and pastors.

This organization is the youngest of our Synod and our officers have more or less been feeling our way around to ascertain just what we can do and how we can do it. Our aim and purpose is to encourage the establishment of Brotherhoods in all of our churches and to encourage our men to enter more actively into the whole work of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
E. W. SASS, President

Report adopted.

The Rev. H. W. Opperman presented the Report of Delegates to the United Lutheran Church Convention.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH CONVENTION AT OMAHA

The twelfth Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, held at Omaha, Nebraska, October 9-16, can well be classed as different, unique and history making. For one thing it was the first convention held west of the Mississippi. It was a convention in which the younger men of the church were predominant, especially the laymen. It was a convention which expressed itself definitely and solidly on vital issues concerning the life of the church, and the spiritual condition of its individual members. And it was a convention which showed an unmistakable faith in the Great Head of the church, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and a ready courage and keen optimism in His work among all people. Pessimism and gloom were not to be found. The feeling that permeated the air was one of vision, determination and cheerfulness.

Eight men from California attended the sessions, and each was faithful to the task assigned him. Several were appointed to important committees. Two California men, Mr. Fritz Noel and Dr. H. A. Anspach were placed on the ballot of the convention for election to U. L. C. A. Standing Committees. Mr. Noel obtained better than one-third of the convention vote, but was defeated on the fourth ballot. Dr. Dorn was instrumental in bringing the subject of vice-president of the U. L. C. A. to the attention of the convention, which matter is now under consideration by the Executive Committee. Other than that your delegation made no outstanding contribution to the convention, except to enter into the debate on various questions.

The questions before the convention were big ones—issues which were highly controversial. The most important was without doubt the relationship of the United Lutheran Church to the American Lutheran Church. A complete report of the proceedings on this question can be found in the minutes of the convention, and the situation as it now stands, is contained in a brief letter sent to all pastors by Dr. Knubel, dated, April 14, 1941. At the convention the issue produced much debate, some good, some not so good, some intelligent, some rather personal. However, through it all there was a spirit of trying to get something done about the whole question of Lutheran unity. The high point in the entire debate was when President Knubel stepped out of the chair, and addressed the convention, clarifying the issue, and asking for a vote of confidence in the committee assigned to this important work.

The second important issue to come before the convention was the new Pension Plan. Two years ago, this plan was voted down by the convention, and referred to the Pension Board for further study, with the recommendation that a plan be devised whereby all pastors would be given an equal pension upon retirement. At Omaha, the contributory plan identical to the one proposed at Baltimore, was passed almost unanimously. In brief it calls for 5% of the pastor's salary to be paid by the church, 5% by the pastor himself, plus 15% of the total yearly salary where there is free parsonage, into an annuity fund. At 65 years of age payments may begin on a retirement plan. The plan becomes effective when 500 congregations approve it. Since the convention certain changes have been made in the old plan which look toward its continuation, in the event a congregation does not enter the Contributory Plan.

The third issue of importance was the church's statement on Conscientious Objectors. The question was brought on the floor by the Executive Committee. Immediately many other proposals were made. All of them, comprising the whole subject of conscientious objection were taken up at one time. Although there was much heated debate, and attempts to kill the entire issue, the action finally taken was one of wisdom and of far reaching importance. The final seat of authority rests in the individual conscience.

The church believes in the defense of a man's country. A man owes it to his country to protect it with his life if need be. If he conscientiously objects, the church is ready to help him, and does not criticize or condemn him, but comes to his defense and does all it can. The action of the church further specifically states that "nothing in the pronouncements of this convention on the rights of the conscientious objector shall be construed as allowing the right of any member of a congregation of the United Lutheran Church in America to refuse to register under the Selective Service and Training Act of 1940 of the United States." It is interesting to note in this connection that over 100 delegates present at the convention had to register.

One of the highly dramatic incidents of the convention was the reception of the Icelandic Synod into membership in the United Lutheran Church. President K. K. Olafson was asked to address the convention on the occasion of the reception of his Synod, and in clear and straightforward language told the delegates assembled just what it meant both to the U. L. C. A. and to the Icelandic Synod to become a part of one another.

Many other items of interest were keenly followed. Reports of Boards and the new apportionment distributions, were subjects of concern to all. It is evident that the United Lutheran Church is making a real contribution to the religious life of our country. Perhaps an item of interest that would affect all our congregations, was the attempt to combine the many periodicals in existence throughout the church at the present time, into three great publications. The plan would have called for a popular weekly, a worker's monthly, and a theological quarterly. The plan was voted down, and the entire subject of church periodicals again referred to committee for further study.

From an entertainment standpoint, the convention left little to be desired. The Omaha convention committee did all it could to make the week a pleasant one for the delegates. The trip to Midland College and Western Seminary opened many an Eastern eye to the far reaching work done by our educational institutions of the far west. The great choral festival on Sunday evening was an outstanding treat. The Laymen's Banquet was one of the largest ever held at any convention. All in all the convention can be classed as a success, in the business accomplished, in the facilities for the delegates, and especially in the broader viewpoint given to the church at large of the whole work of the whole church.

Those attending from California were, The Revs. W. H. Derr, J. Geo. Dorn, D.D., O. Awerkamp, H. W. Opperman. Messrs. Fritz Noel, W. E. Lebold, Harry O'Brien and George F. Kohl.

The report was adopted.

Dr. E. A. Trabert presented the Report of the Foreign Mission Committee.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE

The work of this committee is necessarily conducted chiefly by the chairman, who is also the official representative of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in California, and practically for the entire Pacific Coast.

One year ago I reported, and I quote, "Never since the organization of the United Lutheran Church in America has there been such an exodus of missionaries from the Pacific Coast". This year I report that "never has there been such an influx of missionaries from the orient as during the past six months". Due to unstable world conditions and possibility of conflict across the Pacific all women and children have been ordered home

from our fields in Japan and China. Many of the men missionaries have also returned, leaving but a small force to carry on the work. It has been my privilege to meet and assist not less than twenty of our missionaries and their families, and there are still many more to come. Provision has been made for their entertainment before starting eastward. I have also secured clergy privileges for them, to say nothing of looking after many business and financial interests. It would not be possible for me to name all who have been assisted.

As chairman of this committee, with the cooperation and assistance of Dr. J. George Dorn and the president of the Southern Conference, itineraries were arranged for several of our missionaries. Miss Elvira Strunk, a missionary to China, has been unable to return to her field and has visited practically all of the congregations of the Synod. She will be present at this convention, after which she will go to the Rocky Boy Mission of the Board of American Missions to assist in that work. Miss Louise Miller, now enroute to India visited many congregations both in the Southern and Northern Conference.

At the beginning of the Epiphany Season I sent notices to all of the pastors of the Synod urging them to present the cause of Foreign Missions. From replies received I am assured that every pastor responded to the appeal. According to reports received practically all used the material provided by our Board of Foreign Missions. I thank the brethren for this splendid response.

How many members of our congregations subscribe for the "Foreign Missionary", the official publication of our Foreign Mission Board? This publication is without doubt the most neglected publication of our United Lutheran Church. I would recommend that every congregation secure copies for distribution. The cost is small.

At the last convention of the Synod the following recommendation was unanimously adopted. "Your Committee recommends that they be authorized to make a study of the matter of securing a Missionary Home to which our missionaries might turn upon their arrival in America, to make a report at the next convention of the Synod." This resolution has been lost, or forgotten. Our Lutheran Church is practically the only religious body in America which does not provide such facilities for home-coming, or outgoing missionaries. Will the Synod of California ever establish an Old Peoples' Home? Only God knows. If they do provision should be made for providing facilities for our missionaries as a temporary home either enroute to their field, or upon return from their field.

The expense involved in the work of the chairman of this committee is not light. The Synod of California, through its treasury, contributed a small sum. The Board of Foreign Missions has also provided for part of the expense. At the same time the chairman of your committee has expended more than received from both of these sources. No claim is presented. This is labor of love, and love never counts the cost.

Let it be said that, notwithstanding the stress of the times, the work of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ in distant lands will not stop. The command, "Go ye" still stands. What is needed today is prayer and more prayer, and gifts and more gifts, to show our love for our Lord. Pray for this work.

Respectfully submitted,
EARNEST A. TRABERT, Chairman,
Foreign Mission Committee.

Report was adopted.

The tellers reported the election of Rev. C. F. Crouser as Secretary.

Upon motion the tellers were instructed to conduct the election for the

Treasurer, Statistician and Archivist, on one ballot.

Dr. E. A. Trabert addressed the convention on Lutheran World Action. The matter of contributing $1,500 to this cause was discussed, and upon motion the matter was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The Tellers reported the election of Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl as Treasurer, the Rev. Robert S. Romeis as Statistician, and the Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman as Archivist.

Delicious ice-cold drinks were served by the ladies of the host church.

Upon motion, the President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer were elected the Trustees of Synod.

The Rev. Guy L. Hudson presented the Report of the Student Work Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK

The Student Work in the Northern Conference is carried on under the auspices of the Lutheran Student's Association of America, with Pastor Munson of the Augustana Synod, as adviser. These are approximately 200 Lutheran students registered at U. C. at Berkeley.

The Student Work in the Southern Conference continues on the same basis as last year. The Luther Associates, a group of representatives of the various Lutheran bodies, is sponsoring the work with Mr. J. A. Schroeder of the American Lutheran Conference as President; Mrs. Arthur H. Behrens, Secretary, and Mr. C. J. Boe, Treasurer. The American Lutheran Conference, and the Board of Education, U. L. C. A., each grant an appropriation of $425.00 per year, and the Luther Associates, through their governing body raise the remainder of the budget, which this year is $1,200.

Mrs. Amelia B. Conrey, Santa Monica, California, is part-time secretary on a salary of $50.00 per month, and $25.00 per month traveling expense. Mrs. Conrey has been fortunate in arranging a number of inter-collegiate meetings during the year, with outstanding speakers and attendance of upwards of 75 Lutheran students present.

Notable was the Third Annual Lutheran Student's Association Conference of the Pacific Southwest Region, held in Fresno, February 21-23. 75 students were registered, representing 14 colleges and universities, 26 students from tthe Southern Conference attended, with delegates from U. C. L. A., U. S. C., City College, L. A., Pepperdine, Santa Barbara State, Santa Monica Junior, and Fullerton Junior. Plans are under way for the 1942 conference to be held at City College, L. A. during the last week in February.

Luther Clubs are now meeting in the following:

U. C. L. A.—An average of two meetings each month are held, with an average attendance of 27 students. Until recently Rev. C. B. Holand, Santa Monica has been student adviser. The work is now cared for by Pastor Lechleitner and Mrs. Conrey.

U. S. C.—Luncheon meetings are held during the first and third week of each month, approximately 15 students are in attendance at each of these meetings. At present Rev. Egertson of the American Conference is student adviser.

City College, L. A.—Discussion groups meet here, twice each month for two hour periods. Rev. Candow, of West Los Angeles, is student adviser, and an average of 20 are in attendance.

Pasadena—Four meetings have been held during the year, with an average attendance of 12. Dr. Anspach is student adviser.

Fullerton—Four meetings were held here also during the year. Pastor Hunziger is student adviser.

Santa Ana—A Luther Club meets here regularly, with Rev. Busdicker as student adviser, and Miss Eleanor Magnuson as assistant.

Mrs. Conrey reports progress in organizing student work at Santa Barbara, with Pastor Noess as student adviser. Two meetings have been held thus far.

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

Mr. F. C. Noel was nominated as the Southern layman on the Executive Committee. Upon motion the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot for Mr. F. C. Noel.

Dr. W. F. Poat presented the Report of the State of the Church.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Thirty reports were received. Twenty-four report increasing attendance, two stationary, four decreasing. Twenty-one have but one service. All use the Common Service Book. The average attendance at the morning service is 143. This average would be considerably lower but for the large attendance on special occasions, such as Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter and Mother's Day. Eleven report evening services, some only during Lent with an average attendance of 40. Fourteen have mid-week services during Lent with an average attendance of 43. The answers to the question of family worship are very indefinite, but leave much to be desired. The number of communion services varies from 4-8, with about 85% of the membership communing once a year. Some special evangelistic effort was made during the year, mostly during Lent. The Sunday Schools all use the Augsburg lesson helps. Forty percent of the attendants attend morning worship, being in large part adults. Out of a probable 279 council members only 87 are reported as belonging to Sunday School. These figures do not include Hollywood and Glendale, who did not report the number, but all council men as members. Nearly all pastors are teachers of Bible classes and one is also superintendent. Teachers are generally reported as being consecrated workers. About 80% of the enrolled members attend Sunday School. As for the drifting tendencies of the young people in some of the churches, the answers are varied, but as to causes indifference, lack of home influence, and "the world, the flesh and the devil" are cited. The choirs are reported as faithful. Twenty-four have Luther League Societies, reporting from good interest to "not so hot". Ten churches have Children of the Church, meetings being held once a month on Sunday mornings. Eighteen brotherhoods were reported. The pastors generally report these organizations as being beneficial to the church, without being specific. All the churches operate on a budget system and twenty-three use Duplex envelopes. About 70% are reported as being faithful in the payment of their pledges. What about the other 30%? The average being from a low of 30% to a high of 100%. Eight congregations provide parsonages. Pastor's salaries range from a low of $900 to a high of $3,600, or an average of $1913. Benevolence contributions still lag but are somewhat higher than last year. About one-half of the pastors report that the work is becoming more difficult, some, as being unchanged and the remainder find the work less difficult. There is a deepening of the spiritual life among some of the members. The lines of demarcation between increased spirituality on the one hand and a growing worldliness on the other are being more sharply drawn. "Because iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall grow cold."

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. POAT

Upon motion the following statement from the Lutheran of April 23, 1941, was ordered added to the report.

SOME FIGURES: Fifty per cent of the congregations in the California Synod paid the full apportionment last year. A total of $13,562 was paid, which is $2,073 in excess of the year before. Total benevolences for 1940 reached the high point of $23,403. The amount contributed for current expenses is less than the previous year, almost the exact amount of the gain in the apportionment. This signifies, "less for ourselves and more for others," which is a wholesome sentiment. A gain of 100 in the number of communicants is nothing to breathe peace into our souls. It is possible that some of us are not playing fair with "old man" apportionment.

Just how 1,628 "accessions" in one column can dwindle down to 100 in another, must be charged to some magic process of elimination known only to church councils.—(From "The Lutheran, 4/23/41, pg. 29. Golden Gate Nuggets by Dr. Wm. E. Crouser.)

The report was adopted as amended.

Dr. J. George Dorn presented his report as Trustee of Midland College.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

As your Trustee I am happy to report phenomenal progress in practically all the departments. A spirit of optimism is evidenced everywhere. At the age of 54 our college shows signs of real life. The enemies of an indifferent territory, an unbalanced budget, and a disorganized administration and faculty have been definitely routed and turned into real assets. A greater future for our college is now assured.

The following items are gleaned from the President's Report:

"PROGRESS is noted in the enrollment and finances. The enrollment reached its highest level in any year with 162 freshmen, 72 sophomores, 49 juniors, 25 seniors and 23 irregulars or a total of 331 students during the first semester; and 139 freshmen, 61 sophomores, 42 juniors, 36 seniors, and 19 irregulars or a total of 297 students the second semester. Losses were due to financial conditions, scholastic failures, and opportunities for employment on the part of the students. The budget was balanced last year, but it will take considerable extra effort to accomplish the same result this year. The property has required a great amount of repair and improvement.

"Other items of progress will include: (a) Revision of the By-Laws; (b) Crystallization of the discussion concerning the separation of the administration of the college and seminary into the formulation of definite resolutions for the consideration of synods; (c) Inauguration of the monthly promotional paper Lutheran Higher Education; (d) Consistent retirement of the capital indebtedness; (e) Unified support on the part of eight synods; (f) Seating of the Trustees from the Pacific and California Synods; (g) Continued support by the city of Fremont on a five year program of $2500 per year; (h) Improvement of the physical property; (i) Successful promotion of the Debate and Theatre tournaments."

The credit for these accomplishments must be attributed to the efficient leadership of the President, Dr. Fred C. Wiegman.

I attended one meeting of the Board last October in connection with the U. L. C. A. Convention in Omaha and a special meeting in August as the representative of the President of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GEORGE DORN

In connection with this report Dr. F. C. Wiegman spoke upon the work

of the Midland College. The report was adopted.

The tellers reported the election of Robert Paden as lay member of the Executive Committee from the Northern Conference. Mr. W. E. Lebold was nominated as lay member of the Home Mission Committee from the Southern Conference. The Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for him.

The Trustee of Midland College Board was authorized to secure necessary information regarding the proposed separation of Western Seminary and Midland College, and report back to the Synodical Executive Committee.

Under unfinished business the application of the Village Church of Westwood, was considered, and upon motion, the church's application for membership in Synod was approved, and the congregation welcomed into Synod.

The tellers reported the election of Dr. E. A. Trabert as the Northern clerical member of the Home Mission Committee.

Dr. Paul H. Roth, D.D., addressed the Synod at 4:30. At 5 o'clock a memorial service was held under the direction of the Necrologist. Dr. W. E. Crouser spoke on the life and work of Rev. Jacob S. Moser, and President Derr spoke on the life and work of Rev. Jens Christian Pedersen.

In Memoriam

THE REV. JENS CHRISTIAN PEDERSEN

The Rev. Jens Christian Pedersen was born in the parish of Bkoldborg, Jutland, Denmark, January 24, 1856. In his eighty-fifth year he entered the Church Triumphant on July 11, 1940, from the parsonage of our Lutheran Church at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

His ministry, covering sixty years, was in Australia, Europe, Africa, South America, North America and in the West Indies.

One who knew him well and loved him much left this testimony: "Pastor Pedersen truly had the world as his parish for he ministered to five continents and to the isles of the sea. The geographical extent of his ministry is worthy of note, but Pastor Pedersen's life is notable in that the spiritual dimensions were as great as the geographical."

And so say we all who knew him and loved him for his worth's sake. Even in his youth he had "a transformed vision of the Great Commission and of his missionary calling".

After only four years in our Home Mission field in Salinas, he received a call to take up evangelistic work on the west coast of Africa. He adopted a son in Muhlenberg Mission who was a worthy son even as Timothy was the Spiritual son of St. Paul.

His last call to service came when he was resting under the palms of California. This time it was to minister again, as his physical strength might permit, among the dark-skinned Christians of the Virgin Islands. Here on an island that once belonged to his native land, his gentle spirit took its flight to the homeland of the soul.

THE REV. JACOB S. MOSER

The Rev. Jacob S. Moser, was born in Tennessee 91 years ago. He entered Gettysburg College, but afterward transferred to Roanoke from which he was graduated in 1877. He was licensed to preach by the Southwest Virginia Synod and was ordained by the same Synod in 1878.

After several pastorates in the east, the last of which was the First Lutheran Church of Richmond, Va., he came to California.

Upon the retirement of Rev. Oliver Miller from the First Church in San Francisco, Rev. Moser supplied the pulpit for some length of time.

Then he moved his family to Riverside, California, and organized the Trinity Lutheran Church of that city.

Because of ill health he retired from the ministry, and lived for several years in San Jose, after which he resided in Washington, D.C. Upon his return to the east, he transferred his membership to the Maryland Synod. Eleven years ago he came back to San Jose, united with Grace Lutheran Church, and was a faithful and generous worker until the day of his death. On Sunday morning, December 8th, 1940, a few minutes after he had entered the church for worship, he suddenly dropped down in his pew, and was gone within a few minutes.

The Synodical Brotherhood Banquet was served in the convention church after which a Round Table Discussion followed.

At 8:00 P.M., the Vesper Service was conducted by Dr. Earnest A. Trabert assisted by Dr. D. J. Snyder. The address was delivered by the Rev. Henry J. Pflum, D.D., President of the Board of American Missions.

FIFTH SESSION

Los Angeles, California, May 10, 1941 - 9:00 A.M.

The roll was called.

The devotional was conducted by the Chaplain, "The Witnessing Church", based on Luke 24:48.

The minutes of the fourth session were approved as read.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, with time limits set, was adopted.

Dr. W. E. Crouser presented the Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The affairs of Synod have been administered in a highly satisfactory manner. Records are definite, revealing the activities of a busy office. The needs and problems of the congregations have been met with prompt and wise counsel. Official acts have been performed with dignity and order.

Two recommendations are presented. We suggest that the first be referred to the Committee on Social Missions and that action on the second be deferred.

The report was adopted.

Dr. H. A. Anspach presented the following resolution.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Executive Committee be hereby solemnly charged to ascertain by persistent and insistent inquiry why some congregations habitually fail to meet benevolence apportionments, and to seek, by conference with pastors and councilmen of such congregations, and by other proper and effective means, that the provisions of the constitution relating to apportionments be carried out by all congregations.

Signed,

HARRY R. ALLEN
H. W. OPPERMAN
J. P. BEASOM
O. J. SHERRICK
H. A. ANSPACH
CLEMENT F. JOHNSEN
EARNEST A. TRABERT
A. R. TEMPLAR

Resolution was adopted.

Rev. H. W. Opperman presented the Report of the Committee on Letters and Papers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Your Committee reports the following communications received at this Synod meeting:

Fraternal greetings from

1. Rocky Mountain Synod.
2. Pacific Synod.
3. California Lutheran Hospital Association.
4. The Rev. F. S. Bistel, D.D., Fraternal Delegate from Pacific Synod.
5. A cablegram from Miss Louisa A. Miller, one of Synod's missionaries.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted, and the Secretary instructed to acknowledge all greetings.

Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman presented the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCES

Examination of the minutes of the Northern and Southern Conferences revealed them to be in good order and up to date. There was nothing in them that need be referred to this body. Such items as were referred to the Executive Committee were taken care of.

Results of the election of officers for the coming year are as follows:

Northern Conference:
President—Rev. Henry W. Opperman.
Vice-President—Rev. Robert S. Romeis.
Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Orval A. Awerkamp.

Southern Conference:
President—Rev. Guy L. Hudson.
Vice-President—Rev. Clifford B. Holand.
Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

Dr. W. E. Crouser presented the Report on the Committee on Stewardship.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

Official reports from the congregations of the U. L. C. A., show very clearly a definite and permanent advance in the matter of paid benevolences. In our Synod there has been an advance of 6.7% over the previous year, showing 84.2% of the apportionment paid. Just one half the number of congregations paid the apportionment in full, with seven of these paying more than 100%. Three congregations advanced to the Honor Roll and one fell off. Sixteen congregations paid a larger percentage on the apportionment than they did the year before. Fifteen paid a less percentage but eight of these actually paid a larger amount.

A few congregations are paying for apportioned benevolence an amount equal to 20% of their current expenses and are not on the Honor Roll, while some on the Honor Roll are paying an amount less than 8% of their current expenses.

One congregation paid nothing.

Over 80% of our pastors ordered the free literature offered by the Laymen's Movement, but only 64% report having made an Every-member Canvass.

Under the new set-up which is beginning to function, the prospects for a 100% paid apportionment are very bright. At the Baltimore Convention in 1938, a resolution sponsored by the Laymen's Movement, was adopted, calling upon the officers of the District Synods to engage in a systematic campaign for a general advance in the interests of Stewardship.

The Executive Committee of the U. L. C. A. immediately appointed a committee "to investigate and appraise all agencies and instruments concerned with raising the benevolence funds of the church". The report of this committee was submitted to the Omaha Convention and was unanimously adopted, and it constitutes the set-up under which we are now operating. It embodies an extensive and intensive cultivation and a Scriptural direction of the resources of the churches in a combined movement in Christian giving.

An attempt is being made to enlist the officers of all District Synods, Conferences, Brotherhoods, Luther League Districts, Missionary Societies, Church Councils, and all other organizations of a general character, in a campaign of education and service.

This plan includes the appointment of a Stewardship Director in each congregation,—Adult groups for study of Christian Stewardship in each congregation,—Observance of the Calendar of Causes,—and a wise and conscientious use of the literature that is offered without cost.

We recommend:

1. That our pastors be charged with the appointment or the election of a Stewardship Director for his parish.

2. That our congregations be advised to consider very earnestly the organization of Adult Groups for the Scriptural study of Stewardship.

3. That we stress constantly the Calendar of Causes and use it to promote intelligent thinking and giving.

4. That we express our appreciation of the Free Literature offered by the Laymen's Movement by ordering it and employing it as directed by it.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. CROUSER

The report was received, and the recommendations considered seriatim. No. 1 was in process of consideration when the allotted time had elapsed, and the matter was referred to unfinished business.

The Rev. H. Paul Romeis presented the Report of the Committee on "The Lutheran".

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CIRCULATION PROMOTION OF THE LUTHERAN IN THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OF THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Your Committee presented the cause of our church paper in a number of congregations and in these congregations a committee was appointed and splendid results obtained. In the congregations where we endeavored to secure results through letter the outcome was not so encouraging.

The general average reached by all the Synods in the percentage quota in circulation was 10 per cent. Our Synod reached 13 per cent, thus we are a little above the general average.

It was my intention to personally get into every congregation in my

territory and make an urgent plea for The Lutheran and if possible secure an organization or a committee or an individual to promote the circulation. In this I was hindered when last December my health went to pieces.

I want to thank the pastors for their willingness and even their urgent desire to have the committee speak before their congregations. Also I want to thank the individuals and organizations who did the getting of subscriptions. We believe, by pursuing this somewhat personal plan, that large results can be obtained in practically all the congregations.

We need not make a plea for the need of the church paper in every family. The circulation department of The Lutheran in Philadelphia makes an urgent request that a committee be again appointed to advance this much needed work in every congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

Inasmuch as this committee is one of Southern Conference, and not of Synod, it was ordered that this report be incorporated as part of the proceedings of this convention.

Dr. Henry Irving Kohler presented the Report of the Home Mission Committee.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, in the Jubilee Convention assembled:

Your Home Mission Committee held six regular meetings during the year 1940-1941.

The business consisted of the following: Organization of the Committee—the Rev. Henry Irving Kohler was elected Secretary. Reports received of canvasses made in Morningside, Inglewood, North Hollywood and Vallejo, California, under the supervision of Rev. George Vulgaris, Board of American Missions Survey Department representative, approved for the beginning of the new work in Morningside, and the purchase of lots 24, 25, 26, Tract No. 12112, Morningside Park; addition of Inglewood, by the Board of American Missions, as a possible site for a new church. North Hollywood and Vallejo fields were referred to the pastors residing nearby, in keeping with the recommendation of the Board of American Missions.

At the request of the Northern Conference, favorable action was taken requesting the Board of American Missions to make a canvass of St. Francis Wood, San Francisco, through their Department of Survey.

Action was taken, following the request of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, for approval to sell their parsonage, and apply receipts on their first mortgage church debt, "That the Home Mission Committee does not look with favor upon the selling of this parsonage, deeming it inadvisable, inexpedient and impossible."

Appropriations for the year:

Beverly Hills, Guy L. Hudson, pastor, $400.00—reduction of $100.00.
Grace, Santa Barbara, Erwin T. May, pastor, $200.00—no reduction.
Grace, Richmond, Orval A. Awerkamp, pastor, $550.00—reduction of $100.00.
St. John's, Gardena, G. Herbert Hillerman, pastor, $200.00—reduction of $100.00.
St. John's, Oakland, J. S. Herold, D.D., pastor, $780.00—reduction of $120.00.
Temple, San Francisco, Henry F. Schmidt, pastor, $360.00—reduction of $20.00.

St. Paul's, Los Angeles, Franklin P. Smith, pastor, under the Board of American Missions; St. Paul's, Santa Monica, Clifford B. Holand, pastor, under the Board of American Missions, and Morningside Lutheran Mission, Inglewood, Franklin A. Swanson, pastor, under the Board of American Missions, made no application for appropriations. Therefore your Committee, with these exceptions, approved the applications, and the Secretary was instructed to forward the report to the Executive Secretary of the Board of American Missions.

St. Matthew's, North Hollywood, becoming self-supporting January 1, 1941—was felicitated and placed in the classification as a self-supporting congregation.

Recommendations:

1. In view of the great growth of population in the territory of our Synod, we recommend that the Home Mission Committee consult with the Board of American Missions, as to the possibility of engaging a full-time field missionary, to become effective at the earliest possible date.

2. That a canvass be made immediately under the Board of American Missions Survey Department, ascertaining the possibility of starting new work in Burbank, California.

3. That our Conference Presidents be authorized to act in a consultative relationship with the Pacific Coast Regional Lutheran Conference, organized for comity and parity in establishing new Lutheran work.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The recommendations were considered seriatim, but the report was referred back to the committee to be condensed. The allotted time was extended ten minutes. On the first recommendation, a substitute motion was passed, inviting Dr. A. M. Knudsen to survey the mission fields of our Synodical territory. The second recommendation was stricken from the report because it was covered by the former action. The third recommendation was adopted.

Mr. William B. Scheehl presented a corrected copy of the report to the Claims Committee which was then approved by action of Synod.

Under unfinished business, the recommendations of the Stewardship Committee were considered seriatim. Recommendations 2, 3, 4, and 5, were adopted. Recommendations 1 and 6 were stricken from the report. The report was adopted as a whole.

The proposed Budget for 1941-1942 was adopted.

Following a five minute recess, the Rev. Henry F. Pflum, D.D., and the Rev. Paul H. Roth, D.D. addressed the Synod.

Upon motion, the resolution of appreciation to the host church and its pastor was adopted to permit its being read at the service on the morning of May 11th.

The session adjourned with a prayer by the Rev. William S. Dysinger, D.D.

The Golden Jubilee Banquet was served in the Mona Lisa Restaurant of Los Angeles at 6:30. Mr. F. C. Noel was general chairman, and Mr. Clarence B. Runkle served as toastmaster. The Rev. Fred C. Wiegman, D.D., and the Rev. Paul H. Roth, D.D., were the speakers of the evening.

The Youth Rally was held in the convention church on Sunday afternoon at 4:00. Dr. J. George Dorn conducted the Vesper Service. Mr. Howard L. Logan, member of the executive committee of the Luther League of America, read the scripture lesson and introduced the speaker, the Rev. Fred C. Wiegman, D.D. The Youth Choir of Glendale furnished the special music. The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser closed the meeting.

The Golden Jubilee Mass Meeting was held at 7:30 P.M., on Sunday evening in the convention church. The Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., served as Liturgist. The scripture lesson was read by the Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D., with the prayer by the Rev. C. W. Maggart, D.D. The Rev. John E. Hoick, D.D., introduced the speaker of the evening, the Rev. Paul H. Roth, D.D., and the Rev. William E. Crouser, D.D., conducted the closing service. Special music was provided by the choir of the Hollywood Lutheran Church.

SIXTH SESSION

Los Angeles, California, May 12th, 1941 - 9:00 A.M.

The roll was called.

The devotional was conducted by the Chaplain on the theme, "The Victorious Church" based on 1st Corinthians, the 3rd Chapter.

The minutes of the fifth session were approved as corrected.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, with time limits set, was adopted.

Dr. J. George Dorn presented a verbal report of the Committee on Constitution. The motion prevailed that the word "Parish" be inserted in the title of "Church School Secretary".

Dr. Howard A. Anspach presented the Report of the Golden Jubilee Committee:

REPORT OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

The Golden Jubilee celebration is now history, and it remains but to make a report that a permanent record of the celebration might be left for the church of tomorrow.

First in point of time and of importance, was the preparation and publication of the History of Synod. It speaks for itself, records many things that might have been lost in time but for this publication, and it remains, too, as a splendid monument to the historian, the Rev. John Edward Hoick, D. D., because of the most excellent quality of the finished product.

By action of the 1940 convention, this committee was authorized to have charge of the publication and distribution of the history. After careful investigation of all matters pertaining to such a publication, such as type, paper, size of page, illustrations, etc., bids were secured. These data were submitted to the Executive Committee, and the contract was awarded to the Stillman Printing Co. of Glendale, for the printing of a thousand copies of the history for $638.64, including tax, 600 with paper backs to sell for fifty cents, and 400 with cloth covers, to sell for one dollar each. The engravings cost about $194.00. In the meantime to insure the Synod against loss, definite commitments to purchase a given quota of the books was secured from a number of our congregations. When the edition was ready a vigorous sales campaign was made, and the Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman was made depositary of the same, and charged with the distribution of the books and collection for the same. The entire edition was sold out by the time of the convention, the sale to bring in $675.00. The Rev. E. N. Spirer was appointed to conduct the sale of cuts that had been made especially for this history, that this additional revenue thus accruing might help meet the cost of publication. We hope this sale will net $100.00. If all are sold at the greatly reduced price which has been fixed, the net cost to the Synod on the entire publication will amount to between $75.00 and $100.00, small indeed for such a valuable record of the first fifty years of Synod's history.

The stationery of Synod was designed to call attention to the Fiftieth

Anniversary. Throughout the year, all issues of the Golden State Lutheran carried articles by the chairman of the committee, and others, on the forthcoming celebration. A sub-committee was appointed to prepare and send out suggestive sermon outlines on the jubilee year, and pastors were urged to prepare and deliver sermons, from time to time, relating to the Jubilee of Synod, and the objectives for the year. A special bulletin cover was prepared in sufficient quantity to supply all congregations of the Synod for one Sunday's use in the autmn of 1940. This was done by the Stewardship Committee, the Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., chairman. A special gold paper bulletin cover was prepared and distributed for use in the congregations of the Los Angeles area on the Sunday prior to the convention for the sake of publicizing the special jubilee services among our people, from whom the attendance must be drawn. For promotional purposes, a synodical-wide exchange of pulpits on the Sunday after Easter was planned under the direction of the committee. Publicity was given in The Lutheran through the offices of the reporters from Synodical territory, and under the direction of the Rev. Dr. J. George Dorn, and committee, much space with cuts of individuals and groups, was given in the papers of the city of Los Angeles, and throughout the metropolitan area. The full program of Synod, and the celebration, was printed with gold paper cover for use during the convention, and as a keepsake of the occasion.

By action of Synod, the giving of 100% of the apportioned benevolence and an increase of 10% in communing membership was set as the jubilee year objective for each congregation. As a result 84% plus, was contributed for benevolence, the highest in the history of Synod, and the net increase in Synod in communing members was 100.

On the first evening of the convention, under the auspices of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society, a program of music, all selections of which were at least fifty years old, was given. A gavel of rosewood, with a gold band, carrying an inscription of the Jubilee was presented by the Women's Missionary Society at the hands of Mrs. P. J. Kramer, president, to the Synod, and received by the Synodical President Derr, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, presided. A public reception followed this meeting.

At the service on Friday evening, the Rev. Henry J. Pflum, D.D., of Buffalo, New York, President of the Board of American Missions, delivered the sermon. Music was furnished by the choir of the convention church. The Golden Jubilee Banquet was held in the Mona Lisa Restaurant on Saturday evening, with almost 300 people attending. Clarence B. Runkle, a life-long member of the convention church, and attorney for the Synod, was toastmaster. Under direction of the chairman of the committee, a tribute of recognition was accorded many history-making lay-men and lay-women of the Synod, the respective pastors making the presentations. Splendid addresses were given by the Rev. Fred C. Wiegman, D.D., of Midland College, and the Rev. Paul H. Roth, D.D., President of the Northwestern Seminary. Their respective subjects were, "A Going Concern" and "Lutheran Frontiers".

On Sunday afternoon, a Youth Rally was held under the auspices of the Southern District Luther League. President Wiegman made the address, his subject being, "Tomorrow Is Ours". The attendance was about 375.

The celebration was brought to a fitting climax and end, with a mass meeting service on Sunday evening, when Dr. Roth spoke on the subject, "The Living Church". Pioneer pastors of the Synod, whose connection with Synod averaged over 44 years, had been appointed to have parts in the service. The Choir of the Hollywood Church provided the music. The attendance was about 600.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. ANSPACH

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Orval A. Awerkamp presented the Report of the Committee on Excuses.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

The excuses of twenty-two clerical members of the Synod of California were received by the Committee and accepted as legitimate. Those presenting excuses are: Rev. Bitter, Lucas, Schreiber, Opperman, Isham, Dyreson, Chambers, Pryor, Oehler, Dentler, Bosserman, Leech, Altpeter, Geisler, Herold, Broyer, Poat, Gruver, May, Jatho, Mottern, and Fieblekorn. The excuses included financial inability, sickness, Mother's Day and other duties as necessitating absence.

Those failing to submit excuses were: Rev. Brandes, Meyer, Bateman, Holl.

The committee recommends that all lay delegates be excused.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

The Secretary presented the Report of the Ministerium.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met in regular session and heard the report of the presidents of the two Conferences regarding unemployed pastors. The secretary reported that all unemployed pastors of the Synod were in good standing as members of churches within the bounds of Synod.

The secretary was instructed to write letters of sympathy to the following brethren whose illness prevented their attending this Jubilee Celebration: Dentler, Chambers and Pryor.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE F. CROUSER

The report was adopted.

Upon motion the offering at the Youth Rally on May 11th was ordered given to the Sustaining Fund of the Luther League of America through the Synodical treasury.

The President of Synod acknowledged the gift of a gavel presented to the Synod by the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod in Honor of the Golden Jubilee and the Executive Committee was instructed to select some suitable gift for that Society in recognition of the Fiftieth Anniversary of their group next year.

Dr. J. George Dorn presented the Report of the Committee on Publicity.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Your Committee sent out 50 news releases to the press in and around Los Angeles. Between 350 and 450 column inches appeared in the metropolitan press alone.

We recommend that the Secretary of the Synod be instructed to express the thanks of this body to the following papers:

The Los Angeles Times, The Herald-Express, The Los Angeles

Examiner, The Daily News, The Citizen-News.

Respectfully submitted,
J. GEORGE DORN

The report was adopted and a vote of appreciation was given Dr. Dorn for his services as our publicity agent.

The Examining Committee was charged with a study of the best manner to proceed in securing the reinstatement of the Rev. L. A. Harshman in the ministry.

Dr. Herbert J. Weaver presented the Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We have been permitted in the providence of God to hold the sessions of our Fiftieth Anniversary in the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, which stands as a memorial to the sainted previous pastor, The Rev. D. A. Huber, D.D., whose gracious presence seems to pervade this church.

1. RESOLVED: That we are duly thankful to the Rev. Henry J. Pflum, Ph. D., of Buffalo, New York, the official representative of the U. L. C. A., President of the Board of American Missions, for his presence with us, and his helpful messages revealing the great opportunities of our church in the homeland. Further, that we are thankful for the inspiring messages of the Rev. Paul H. Roth, D.D., of Minneapolis, and of the Rev. Fred C. Wiegman, D.D., President of Midland College, and for the presence of Dr. A. M. Knudsen, Secretary of the Board of American Missions for the English churches.

2. RESOLVED: That we deeply appreciate the cordial reception and continued and multiplied attentions which we have received at the hands of the pastor, Dr. Frederick J. Weertz, D.D., and his capable wife, and of the members of the First Lutheran Church.

We also record our thanks to the organists, and choirs, of the First Lutheran Church, and Hollywood Lutheran Church, and to the Youth Choir and organist of the Glendale Church, for excellent music in connection with our Golden Anniversary. That we also greatly appreciate the services of Miss Pearl Taake, Secretary of First Church.

3. RESOLVED: That we thank the daily papers of Los Angeles, and of the metropolitan area, for their splendid accounts of the proceedings of our convention.

4. RESOLVED, That we recognize the power of the intercessory prayers of the absentee members of our Synod. And we, in turn, pray for the healing of the sick, and the strengthening of the weak, and the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and homes.

5. RESOLVED: That we extend our sympathy to the surviving members of the family of Mrs. Minnie Mathias, the widow of a former pastor of Synod.

6. RESOLVED: That we express our deep affection and gratitude to the Golden Jubilee Committee, for their ceaseless campaign in keeping the Anniversary before all the pastors and congregations; for the excellent program for this convention which they prepared; also for the splendid manner in which they provided for the distribution and sale of the History of Synod.

7. RESOLVED: That the Synod go on record as being unable to express adequately its gratitude to the Rev. J. E. Hoick, D.D., for the Fruitage of Fifty Years, most ably edited, admirably arranged, and attractively printed, and highly illustrated. We recognize the service of others who have done preliminary work, amongst whom were included, Dr. Maggart, Dr. Oehler,

and Dr. Crouser. However, the enormity of his task, and the indefatigable activity which enabled him to complete it, cannot be overlooked. We owe him a debt of gratitude which can never be paid except in this expression of regard for his service of love. In the years to come, this monumental work will keep alive the memories of the past development of the Kingdom of God in the Pacific Southwest. Thank you, Dr. Hoick, your labors will never be forgotten by your brethren, and by your church.

8. RESOLVED: That we express our appreciation to the Rev. Harry F. Allen, our Chaplain, for his most helpful and practical and spiritual addresses on "The Jubilee Church".

9. RESOLVED: That this body express its joy and congratulation to its President upon the voting of the Doctor of Divinity degree by his Alma Mater, the Susquehanna University, the same taking place the latter part of this month. And, that this expression be made by standing.

10. RESOLVED: In time of war, the church faces her most difficult task. The forces of evil operate most violently to divide mankind and to impair spiritual unity.

The whole world is distraught and divided. The suffering masses cry out in anguish. There is only one way of life that can unite mankind, and put an end to this constant repetition of self-torture. There is but one Saviour, Christ the Lord. In a world torn by hatreds and conflicting loyalties, His church still stands, and is ready to minister to friend and foe alike. We urge therefore our pastors and people, to guard against becoming agencies for the propagation of hate and ill-will. Let them continue earnestly in their ministry of intercession for those warring or conquered countries, and let the gospel we preach and practice be one of conciliation, good-will and understanding.

THE COMMITTEE

The report was received and recommendations were considered seriatim. Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, were adopted.

The following resolutions were presented from the floor:

"That an additional expense allowance of $150 be given the President." Adopted.

"That the Honorarium of the Secretary be increase to $100." Adopted.

"That the Committee on Constitution be instructed to prepare in suitable form an amendment to the Constitution to provide for the Resolutions Committee as a Standing Committee of Synod." Adopted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted as a whole with the above named additions.

A vote of appreciation was extended to the Officers of Synod for the faithful manner in which they had conducted the affairs of Synod during the year.

A motion to reconsider the action on the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod brought a reversal of the action taken during the third session. The Secretary was instructed to continue to carry the pages headed "Conventions of Synod" in the printed proceedings.

The Secretary in conjunction with the Committee on Constitution was instructed to prepare By-Law 9, Section 8 to provide for the Resolutions Committee as a Standing Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to continue the practice of securing bids for the printing of the Proceedings of the Synodical Conventions. (Secretary's Note: This practice has been followed, but some bids have been received too late for consideration, some even after the final proof has been read. To avoid any misunderstanding in the future, the announcement is

made that specifications for bidding on next year's proceedings may be secured from the office of the Secretary after March 1st, 1942. Dead-line for mailing of bids is set at April 1st, 1942 at midnight.)

The Minutes of the sixth session were read and approved.

Dr. Henry Irving Kohler, First Vice-President, duly inducted into office the President-Elect, the Rev. William H. Derr.

The newly-installed President installed the other officers of Synod.

President Derr then closed the Fiftieth Annual Convention of the Synod with the prescribed form.

APPENDIX A—TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONGREGATIONS—Northern Conference

Congregation & Location	Apportionment paid	Percent	Emergency Relief	Lutheran World Action	Midland College	Other	TOTAL
Berkeley, St. Michael's	$ 589.00	100.1	$ 39.32	$ 98.00			$ 726.32
Fresno, First	330.00	100		68.28		13.58	411.86
Fresno, St. Paul's	205.00	41.2		30.00			235.00
Fresno, Wartburg	100.00	111		10.00			110.00
Oakland, First	358.25	76.5		13.00			371.25
Oakland, St. John's	92.35	51.3					92.35
Richmond, Grace	324.00	100		63.00	25.00		412.00
Sacramento, First	300.00	100					300.00
Sacramento, St. John's	830.82	101			30.00	50.00	910.82
San Francisco, First	147.15	62.9					147.15
San Francisco, St. Mark's	497.02	79.6					497.02
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	156.00	100		55.00			211.00
San Francisco, Temple	198.00	100	15.00	16.00		1.00	230.00
Sanger, St. Paul's	69.50	55.1		22.00			91.50
San Jose, Bethel	00.00	00		20.00		68.70	88.70
San Jose, Grace	211.00	48.8					211.00
TOTALS	$ 4,408.09	81	$ 54.32	$395.28	$ 55.00	$133.28	$ 5,045.97

APPENDIX B—TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONGREGATIONS—Southern Conference

Congregation & Location	Apportionment paid	Percent	Emergency Relief	Lutheran World Action	Midland College	Other	TOTAL
Alhambra, Grace	$ 600.00	100	$ 20.39	$ 50.00	$ 15.00	$	$ 685.39
Beverly Hills, Community	354.00	100		17.50			371.50
Gardena, St. John's	222.68	100.3	10.92	23.76		13.45	270.81
Glendale, First	950.00	106.3		167.48	75.00		1,192.48
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	609.00	78.7	21.28	21.61			651.89
Long Beach, Trinity	600.00	68.5	55.01	33.73			688.74
Los Angeles, Bethany	315.36	64.1			11.30		326.66
Los Angeles, First	811.43	111.8					811.43
Los Angeles, Hollywood	701.00	55.4	40.00	30.00	14.00	7.61	792.61
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	378.00	100		16.00			394.00
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	104.20	45.7	22.30				126.50
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	300.00	100		25.00	20.00	70.00	415.00
Pasadena, Trinity	702.00	100	28.00	189.97	79.25	.50	999.72
Phoenix, Grace	960.00	100		50.00	25.00	25.95	1,060.95
Redlands, First	97.45	55.9		15.00			112.45
Riverside, Trinity	286.00	91.7					286.00
San Bernardino, First	261.82	69.2	22.54	57.00			341.36
San Diego, First	396.19	81.5					396.19
Santa Barbara, Grace	117.48	75.3				4.05	121.54
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	390.00	108.3		40.54			430.54
Total—Southern Conference	$ 9,156.62	85.8	$ 220.44	$ 737.59	$224.55	$121.56	$10,475.76
Total—Northern Conference	4,408.09	81.0	54.32	395.28	55.00	133.28	5.045.97
GRAND TOTAL	$13,564.71	84.2	$ 274.76	$1,132.87	$294.55	$254.84	$15,521.73

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

(For Year Beginning July 1, 1941)

Apportionment Rate $3.25 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Alcatraz and Benvenue	182	$ 50.00	$ 600.00
Fresno	First	Thomas and Ferger	112	30.00	360.00
Fresno	St. Paul's	Lotus and California	215	58.00	696.00
Fresno	Wartburg	Ventura and D	27	7.00	84.00
Oakland	First	16th and Grove	130	35.00	420.00
Oakland	St. John's	55th and Edgerly	51	14.00	168.00
Richmond	Grace	Barrett and 13th	70	19.00	228.00
Sacramento	First	39th and 4th Ave	99	27.00	324.00
Sacramento	St. John's	17th and L	274	74.00	888.00
San Francisco	First	Geary near Gough	45	12.00	144.00
San Francisco	St. Mark's	1135 O'Farrell	200	54.00	648.00
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	16th near Dolores	52	14.00	168.00
San Francisco	Temple	Bayview and Latona	56	15.00	180.00
Sanger	St. Paul's	1122 N Street	35	9.00	108.00
San Jose	Bethel	215 Delmas	34	9.00	108.00
San Jose	Grace	2nd and Julian	121	33.00	396.00
TOTALS FOR NORTHERN CONFERENCE			1703	$460.00	$ 5520.00

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

(For Year Beginning July 1, 1941)

Apportionment Rate $3.25 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Alhambra	Grace	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	201	$ 54.00	$ 648.00
Beverly Hills	Community	100 N. Doheny Drive	147	40.00	480.00
Gardena	St. John's	1102 W. 163rd St.	73	20.00	240.00
Glendale	First	233 S. Kenwood St.	350	95.00	1140.00
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	2721 E. Florence	268	73.00	876.00
Long Beach	Trinity	8th Street and Linden Ave.	259	70.00	840.00
Los Angeles	Bethany	7011 S. San Pedro Street	155	42.00	504.00
Los Angeles	First	3119 W. 6th Street	239	65.00	780.00
Los Angeles	Hollywood	1733 N. New Hampshire	410	111.00	1332.00
Los Angeles	Holy Trinity	3443 Manchester Blvd., Inglewood	68	18.00	216.00
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1122 W. 36th Place	104	28.00	336.00
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	Euclid and Eagle	68	18.00	216.00
North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	115	31.00	372.00
Pasadena	Trinity	997 E. Walnut	238	64.00	768.00
Phoenix	Grace	3rd and Moreland	327	89.00	1068.00
Redlands	First	E. Olive and Myrtle	52	14.00	168.00
Riverside	Trinity	9th and Walnut	96	26.00	312.00
San Bernardino	First	631 G Street	127	34.00	408.00
San Diego	First	1320 Second Street	125	34.00	408.00
Santa Barbara	Grace	1109 Anacapa Street	44	12.00	144.00
Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Lincoln and Washington	151	41.00	492.00
Westwood	Village	Wilshire and Veteran	63	17.00	204.00
TOTALS FOR SOUTHERN CONFERENCE			3680	$996.00	$11952.00

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1940

Index No.	Pastoral Charge	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geographical Location	Pastor	Language Used	Membership		
							Baptized	Confirmed	Comm.
1	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	Alcatraz and Benvenue *b	E. A. Trabert, D.D.	Eng.	332	245	182
2	Fresno	First	1917	Ferger and Thomas *b	Robert S. Romeis	Eng.	278	153	112
3	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	California and Lotus *b	Adam Schreiber	Ger.	615	478	215
4	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	Ventura and D St. *b	John C. Bitter	Ger.	175	167	27
5	Oakland	First	1890	16th and Grove *a	Francis C. Pryor	Eng.	387	252	130
6	Oakland	St. John's	1921	55th Ave. and Edgerley *a	J. S. Herold, D.D.	Eng.	183	51	51
7	Richmond	Grace	1924	513 - 13th St. *b	Orval A. Awerkamp	Eng.	194	150	70
8	Sacramento	First	1890	39th St. and 4th Ave. *a	Clarence F. Crouser	Eng.	476	196	99
9	Sacramento	St. John's	1867	17th and L Sts. *a	Henry W. Opperman	Eng.	483	394	274
10	San Francisco	First	1886	Geary at Octavia *a	John R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Eng.	179	103	45
11	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell *a	J. Edward Oslund	Eng.	441	324	200
12	San Francisco	St. Matthew	1895	16th St. and Dolores *a	Herman Lucas	Eng.	325	177	52
13	San Francisco	Temple	1916	15 Latona St. *a	Henry F. Schmidt	Eng.	360	112	56
14	Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1222 N Street *d	M. H. Geissler	Ger.	274	239	35
15	San Jose	Bethel	1899	215 Delmas Ave. *b	Emil Meyer	Eng.	127	35	34
16	San Jose	Grace	1892	2nd and Julian *b	W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Eng.	332	211	121
	Totals - 1940						5,161	3,287	1,703
	Totals - 1939						5,002	3,139	1,783
	Increase						159	148	
	Decrease								80

* POPULATIONS: a—over 100,000; b—25,000 to 100,000; c—10,000 to 25,000; d—2,500 to 10,000.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1940

Index No.	Pastoral Charge	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geographical Location	Pastor	Language Used	Membership		
							Baptized	Confirmed	Comm.
17	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 N. Atlantic Blvd. *b	D. Edward Wright	Eng.	481	285	201
18	Beverly Hills	Community	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive *b	Guy L. Hudson	Eng.	284	219	147
19	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 W. 163rd St. *d	G. Herbert Hillerman	Eng.	156	92	73
20	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St. *b	James P. Beasom, Jr.	Eng.	897	674	350
21	Huntington Pk	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave. *b	H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Eng.	567	357	268
22	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	8th St. and Linden Ave. *b	D. J. Snyder, D.D.	Eng.	509	355	259
23	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro St. *a	H. I. Kohler, D.D., S.T.M., Th. D.	Eng.	497	318	155
24	Los Angeles	First	1887	3119 W. 6th St. *a	Frederick J. Weertz, D.D.	Eng.	499	434	239
25	Los Angeles	Hollywood	1921	1733 N. New Hampshire Ave. *a	J. George Dorn, D.D.	Eng.	1,305	886	410
26	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place *a	J. E. Hoick, D.D.	Eng.	250	200	104
27	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1914	Euclid and Eagle *a	F. P. Smith (Sp. Bd. Miss.)	Eng.	194	122	68
28	N. Hollywood	St. Matthew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd. *b	Edward N. Spirer	Eng.	339	229	115
29	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	997 E. Walnut *a	H. A. Anspach, D.D.	Eng.	515	434	238
30	Phoenix	Grace	1914	3rd and Moreland *a	Harry R. Allen	Eng.	612	420	327
31	Redlands	First	1901	E. Olive Ave. and Myrtle St. *c	Wm. C. Miller, S.T.M.	Eng.	89	52	52
32	Riverside	Trinity	1894	9th and Walnut *b	W. F. Poat, LL.D.	Eng.	220	119	96
33	San Ber'dino	First	1909	631 - G Street *b	H. Paul Romeis	Eng.	342	217	127
34	San Diego	First	1888	1320 Second St. *b	Vacant	Eng.	459	228	125
35	Santa Barbara	Grace	1906	1109 Anacapa St. *b	Vacant	Eng.	82	50	44
36	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	Lincoln Ave. and Washington Ave. *b	Clifford B. Holand	Eng.	231	165	151
	Totals - 1940						8,528	5,856	3,549
	Totals - 1939						8,037	5,544	3,382
	Increase						491	312	167
	Decrease								

GENERAL SUMMARY

Totals - Northern Conference	5,161	3,287	1,703
Totals - Southern Conference	8,528	5,856	3,549
Grand Totals - Synod - 1940	13,689	9,143	5,252
Grand Totals - Synod - 1939	13,039	8,683	5,165
Increase	650	460	87
Decrease			

* POPULATIONS: a—over 100,000; b—25,000 to 100,000; c—10,000 to 25,000; d—2,500 to 10,000.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA (NORTHERN CONFERENCE)

Index Number	MEMBERSHIP																							EDUCATION																	Group Organizations							
	Child Members									Adults Members														Parish															Higher Stud.									
	Access.			Losses						Accessions					Losses									Sunday Schools					W.D. Sch.			C. of Ch.																
	By Baptism	By Certificate	Total	Trans. by Confirm.	By Death	Otherwise	Total	I. Net Gain	I. Net Loss	By Baptism	By Confirmation	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	By Death	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	II. Net Gain	II. Net Loss	III. Total Net Gain	III. Total Net Loss	Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Groups	Leaders	Pupils	No. Catechumens	In Luth. Seminaries	In Luth. Motherhouses	In Other Luth. Inst.	In Non-Luth. Inst.	No. Men's	No. Members	No. Women's	No. Members	No. Mixed	No. Members	No. Young People's	No. Members
1	15		15			12	12	3			8	2	9	19		5	14	19			3		1	17	84		20				1	3	30	7				13	1	48	3	90			1	15
2	17	1	18	2			2	16		1	3	3	10	17		1	10	11	6		22		1	14	107		11	1	4	35				12				3			2	42			2	20
3	18	2	20	21			21		1		21	15		36	13	8		21	15		14		1	10	85									20				6			2	106			1	25
4	7	2	9	6			6	3			6	2		8	2			2	6		9		1	6	43									8							1	35			1	22
5	9	3	12					12				8		8	2	4		6	2		14		1	12	60									3	1			12			4	75			1	18
6	7	10	17	5			5	12			7	6	3	16	2		5	7	9		21		1	8	65		10							7					1	16	2	35			1	18
7	3		3	8			8		5		8	7	8	23			1	1	22		17		1	14	95									6				2	1	18	2	38			1	12
8	7	16	23	5		9	14	9		5	5	4	6	20	2			2	18		27		1	15	125		40				1	2	25	12				12			4	71			3	42
9	17	21	38	14		42	56		18	1	16	21	9	47	7	3	10	20	27		9		1	12	104		22							23				30	1	48	3	102	1	31	2	42
10	4		4		1		1	3				1		1	1			1			3		1	3	13									5				2								
11	10		10	4		1	5	5		2	6	3	1	12	1	1		2	10		15		1	10	65		25							5				5	1	30	3	150	1	27	1	15
12	8	8	16	5		15	20		4		4		6	10	2		4	6	4				1	6	61									72			2		1	14	2	62	1	24	1	22
13	16		16	12		34	46		30		12		14	26	3		7	10	16			14	1	8	104		36							28							1	21			1	11
14	2	3	5	4			4	1			4		1	5	1			1	4		5		1	8	72			1	1	6				6				1			1	48			1	32
15	4		4		3		3	1													1		1	6	28	6	6							6				12			3	36				
16	10	24	34	6	1	23	30	4		2	6	10	8	26	4	1	12	17	9		13		1	13	83		19							6	1			12	1	23	2	27			1	21
otals - 1940	154	90	244	92	5	136	233	69	58	11	106	82	75	274	40	23	63	126	148		173	14	16	162	1194	6	189	2	5	41	2	5	55	226	2		2	110	7	197	35	938	3	82	18	315
otals - 1939	168	212	380	71	4	161	236			36	139	296	92	563	46	38	42	126	437				16	176	1222	10	138	5	10	124				199	2		1	89	8	215	36	945			24	465
ncrease				21	1												21										51							27			1	21								
ecrease	14	122	136			25	3			25	33	214	17	289	6	15			289					14	28	4		3	5	83								1	18	1	7			6	150

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MEMBERSHIP

Index Number	Child Members Access. By Baptism	Child Access. By Certificate	Child Access. Total	Trans. by Confirm.	Child Losses By Death	Child Losses Otherwise	Child Losses Total	I. Net Gain	I. Net Loss	Adults Accessions By Baptism	Adults Accessions By Confirmation	Adults Accessions By Certificate	Adults Accessions Otherwise	Adults Accessions Total	Adults Losses By Death	Adults Losses By Certificate	Adults Losses Otherwise	Adults Losses Total	II. Net Gain	II. Net Loss	III. Total Net Gain	III. Total Net Loss
17	22	4	26	12		8	20	6		2	17	4	11	34	4	2	12	18	16		22	
18	5	4	9	1		6	7	2		2	5	11	17	35	1	2	2	5	30		32	
19	13		13		1		1	12		2	2	2		6	1	2	2	5	1		13	
20	24	21	45	15		7	22	23		5	45	51	34	135	3	16	47	66	69		92	
21	21	4	25	9	2	3	14	11		3	15	9	13	40	1	5	1	7	33		44	
22	9		9	6	1	3	10		1	3	9	4	7	23	6	7	8	21	2		1	
23	15	18	33	15		14	29	4		10	15	8	4	37	2	8	15	25	12		16	
24	7	3	10					10				45	3	48	6	30		36	12		22	
25	34	10	44	7		10	17	27		8	20	57	19	104	3	27	67	97	7		34	
26	5		5			10	10		5	2		2	2	6	4	2	2	8		2		7
27	3		3	2			2	1			6			6	2	2	8	12		6		5
28	12	27	39					39			9	23	26	58	2	5	2	9	49		88	
29	6	3	9	5		10	15		6	2	11	26	4	43	5	15		20	23		17	
30	14	40	54	4		10	14	40			13	10	8	31	7	3	16	26	5		45	
31	4	2	6			7	7		1		1	9		10			16	16		6		7
32	5		5					5					7	7	1		1	2	5		10	
33	2	6	8	8		15	23		15	4	8	8	6	26	4	2		6	20		5	
34	18	4	22	5		4	9	13			8	19	13	40	3	1	26	30	10		23	
35	4		4					4													4	
36	6	4	10					10		2	4	8	28	42	4	3	3	10	32		42	
Totals - 1940	229	150	379	89	4	107	200	207	28	45	188	296	202	731	59	132	228	419	326	14	510	19
Totals - 1939	245	195	440	98	4	121	223			41	201	294	214	750	51	90	137	278	472			
Increase										4		2			8	42	91	141				
Decrease	16	45	61	9		14	23				13		12	19					146			

EDUCATION and Group Organizations

Index Number	Sunday Schools Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	W.D. Sch. Number	W.D. Sch. Teachers	W.D. Sch. Pupils	C. of Ch. No. of Groups	C. of Ch. Leaders	C. of Ch. Pupils	No. Catechumens	Higher Stud. In Luth. Seminaries	In Luth. Motherhouses	In Other Luth. Inst.	In Non-Luth. Inst.	No. Men's	No. Members	No. Women's	No. Members	No. Mixed	No. Members	No. Young People's	No. Member[cut off]
17	1	20	182		16				1	3	22	5				8	1	25	3	90	1	45	2	
18	1	14	114									7				3	1	26	2	33			2	
19	1	17	100		15							4				3	1	23	2	37			1	
20	2	41	419	57	22	1	7	50	5	7	50	45				27	1	200	5	317	1	50	3	1
21	1	25	148	16	21				5	6	25	24			1	8			3	77	1	25	2	
22	1	23	175		27							25				16			2	91	1	24	2	
23	1	25	200	15	25				1	3	30	10					1	25	3	50			2	
24	1	9	163													2	1	60	4	128	1	18	1	
25	1	65	500		100				1	3	40	60			1	50	1	75	6	210	3	120	5	
26	1	10	63		8							6				2			2	20			1	
27	1	8	53									6							2	38			2	
28	1	22	230						1	1	25	28				3	1	25	4	70	1	15	3	
29	1	22	197			1	11	51	2	3	12	22				15	1	45	3	93			1	
30	1	28	285	10	32				2	4	27	26				9	1	57	5	103			1	
31	1	7	36		4							4					1	13	4	30				
32	1	4	40													4			3	78				
33	1	15	125		15							19		1		8	1	20	2	61			2	
34	2	20	153									10				2			3	62			2	
35	1	8	30									9							1	13				
36	1	13	108		12				1	4	24	6				6	1	16	2	65	1	24	2	
Totals - 1940	22	396	3321	98	297	2	18	101	19	34	255	316		1	2	166	13	610	61	1666	10	321	34	7
Totals - 1939	21	401	3323	123	318	2	10	72				357	4			176	14	668	62	1669			47	10
Increase	1						8	29						1	2									
Decrease		5	2	25	21							41	4			10	1	58	1	3			13	3

GENERAL SUMMARY

	Child Access. By Baptism	By Certificate	Total	Trans. by Confirm.	Child Losses By Death	Otherwise	Total	I. Net Gain	I. Net Loss	Adults Accessions By Baptism	By Confirmation	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	Adults Losses By Death	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	II. Net Gain	II. Net Loss	III. Total Net Gain	III. Total Net Loss
Totals - N.C.	154	90	244	92	5	136	233	69	58	11	106	82	75	274	40	23	63	126	148		173	14
Totals - S.C.	229	150	379	89	4	107	200	207	28	45	188	296	202	731	59	132	228	419	326	14	510	19
G. Total 1940	383	240	623	181	9	243	433	276	86	56	294	378	277	1005	99	155	291	545	474	14	683	33
G. Total 1939	413	407	820	169	8	282	459			77	340	590	306	1313	97	128	179	404				
Increase				12	1										2	27	112	141				
Decrease	30	167	197			39	26			21	46	212	29	308								

	Sunday Schools Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	W.D. Sch. Number	Teachers	Pupils	C. of Ch. No. of Groups	Leaders	Pupils	No. Catechumens	In Luth. Seminaries	In Luth. Motherhouses	In Other Luth. Inst.	In Non-Luth. Inst.	No. Men's	No. Members	No. Women's	No. Members	No. Mixed	No. Members	No. Young People's	No. Member[cut off]
Totals - N.C.	16	162	1194	6	189	2	5	41	2	5	55	226	2		2	110	7	197	35	938	4	82	18	3
Totals - S.C.	22	396	3321	98	297	2	18	101	19	34	255	316		1	2	166	13	610	61	1666	10	321	34	7
G. Total 1940	38	558	4515	104	486	4	23	142	21	39	310	542	2	1	4	276	20	807	96	2604	14	403	52	10
G. Total 1939	37	577	4545	133	456	7	20	196				556	6		1	265	22	883	98	2614			71	15
Increase	1				30		3							1	3	11								
Decrease		19	30	29		3		54				14	4				2	76	2	10			19	4

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Index Number	FINANCIAL																			
	Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Expenses			Congregational Benevolence									
											Unapportioned						Apportioned			
	Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amt. Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
1	12,500	5,500	5,000			23,000	5,465	3,629	637	4,266	15			40	351	406	588	589	995	5,261
2	3,500				1,384	4,884		2,467	692	3,159		14			240	254	330	330	584	3,743
3	5,000	4,000	4,300			13,300	3,700	2,488	500	2,988					30	30	498	205	235	3,223
4	7,000					7,000		1,385	849	2,234					10	10	90	100	110	2,344
5	11,000				2,500	13,500	2,254	3,680	1,202	4,882		93	80	50		223	468	358	581	5,463
6	8,000					8,000	2,850	774	550	1,324					98	98	180	91	189	1,513
7	16,450	2,100				18,550	8,000	1,505	1,503	3,008	25				63	88	324	324	412	3,420
8	26,000					26,000		3,252	62	3,314				41	91	132	300	300	432	3,746
9	85,000	4,000				89,000		5,620	1,026	6,646	30	50		152	200	432	822	831	1,263	7,909
10	45,000					45,000		2,676		2,676		83			25	108	234	147	255	2,931
11	100,000			60,000	10,000	170,000		7,467	1,345	8,812	10	67	57	5	14	153	600	497	650	9,462
12	40,000					40,000	2,500	4,400		4,400					55	55	156	156	211	4,611
13	7,000	5,000				12,000	2,025	1,476	195	1,671		42				42	198	198	240	1,911
14	4,000	2,000				6,000	320	1,357	162	1,519					21	21	126	70	91	1,610
15	2,500					2,500		997		997		80		27	64	171	72		171	1,168
16	35,000	3,000				38,000	3,175	2,295	134	2,429					93	93	432	211	304	2,733
Totals - 1940	407,950	25,600	9,300	60,000	13,884	516,734	30,289	45,468	8,857	54,325	80	429	137	315	1,355	2,316	5,418	4,407	6,723	61,048
Totals - 1939	450,150	46,800	5,000	60,000	20,401	582,351	29,099	45,575	6,917	52,492	248	225	76	508	933	1,990		3,770	5,760	58,252
Increase			4,300				1,190		1,940	1,833		204	61		422	326		637	963	2,796
Decrease	42,200	21,200			6,517	65,617		107			168			193						

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	FINANCIAL																			
	Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Expenses			Congregational Benevolence									
											Unapportioned						Apportioned			
Index Number	Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amt. Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
17	25,000				2,000	27,000	5,500	3,734	973	4,707	30	38		68	168	304	600	600	904	5,611
18	12,500				1,800	14,300	1,010	2,800	1,375	4,175	10	200	57	18		285	354	354	639	4,814
19	10,000				105	10,105	2,440	1,409	352	1,761		37		1	50	88	222	223	311	2,072
20	25,500		4,500			30,000	6,988	10,207	1,078	11,285	115	758		184		1,057	894	950	2,007	13,292
21	10,000		500		4,277	14,777		2,656	100	2,756		43	100	152	330	625	774	609	1,234	3,990
22	60,000				2,000	62,000	9,284	3,932	3,447	7,379		634	70	43		747	876	600	1,347	8,726
23	15,000					15,000	4,300	2,384	447	2,831	60			25	25	110	492	315	425	3,256
24	86,711					86,711	1,000	6,627	2,806	9,433	11	26			232	269	726	811	1,080	10,513
25	75,000		10,000		5,000	90,000	9,525	9,881	3,462	13,343	50	199	65	277	316	907	1,266	701	1,608	14,951
26	40,000					40,000		1,788	139	1,927		188		60		248	378	378	626	2,553
27	12,000	3,000				15,000	5,796	1,563	245	1,808	5	15		22	31	73	228	104	177	1,985
28	30,200					30,200	2,910	2,905	1,696	4,601	10		120		224	354	300	300	654	5,255
29	78,000					78,000	21,388	6,019	1,265	7,284	107	215		8	308	638	702	702	1,340	8,624
30	39,000				300	39,300	17,500	3,267	2,444	5,711	25	12		21	85	143	960	960	1,103	6,814
31	10,000	1,800				11,800		1,810	581	2,391		20			63	83	174	97	180	2,571
32	10,000	2,500	4,500			17,000		1,844	357	2,201					207	207	312	386	493	2,694
33	6,000					6,000		2,718		2,718					132	132	378	262	394	3,112
34	12,000					12,000	3,500	3,604	2,568	6,172					261	261	486	396	657	6,829
35	15,000	1,200				16,200		1,306	1,456	2,762		3			1	4	156	117	121	2,883
36	42,500		15,000			57,500	54,573	3,465		3,465	15	370	10	40	555	990	360	390	1,380	4,845
Totals - 1940	614,411	8,500	34,500		15,482	672,893	145,716	73,919	24,791	98,710	438	2,758	422	919	2,988	7,525	10,638	9,155	16,680	115,390
Totals - 1939	502,602	13,800	25,500		20,878	562,780	98,968	75,968	18,574	94,542	562	1,503	1,454	1,038	2,304	6,861		7,719	14,580	109,122
Increase	111,809		9,000			110,113	46,748		6,217	4,168		1,255			684	664		1,436	2,100	6,268
Decrease		5,300			5,396			2,049			124		1,032	119						

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Tot. - N. Conf.	407,950	25,600	9,300	60,000	13,884	516,734	30,289	45,468	8,857	54.325	80	429	137	315	1,355	2,316	5,418	4,407	6,723	61.048
Tot. - S. Conf.	614,411	8,500	34,500		15,482	672,893	145,716	73,919	24,791	98,710	438	2,758	422	919	2,988	7,525	10,638	9,155	16,680	115,390
G. Totals - 1940	1,022,361	34,100	43,800	60,000	29,366	1,189,627	176,005	119,387	33,648	153,035	518	3,187	559	1,234	4,343	9,841	16,056	13,562	23,403	176,438
G. Totals - 1939	952,752	60,600	30,500	60,000	41,279	1,145,131	128,067	121,543	25,491	147,034	810	1,728	1,513	1,546	3,237	8,851		11,489	20,340	167,374
Increase	69,609		13,300			44,496	47,938		8,157	6,001		1,459			1,106	990		2,073	3,063	9,064
Decrease		26,500			11,913			2,156			292		954	312						

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Redlands, First—Mrs. H. E. Campbell, 616 Cypress Court.
Riverside, Trinity (First)—Mrs. H. A. Johnsen, 3991 Madison St.
Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)—Marjorie Studebaker, 3725 Locust St.
San Bernardino, First—Mrs. Everett M. Smith, 2448 "G" St.
San Diego, First (First)—Mrs. Herman H. Roloff, 3487 Olive St.
San Diego, First (Second)—Fanny Large, 1645 Union St.
Santa Barbara, Grace—Lucilee Ambrose (Mrs. Emil), 312 Ladera St.
Santa Monica, St. Paul's—Mrs. D. W. Conrey, 532 Rustic Rd., Santa Monica

The Forty-Ninth Annual Convention

of the

Women's Missionary Society

of the Synod of California

held in the

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Los Angeles, California

May 8-10, 1941

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THEME: "CHRIST"—YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW.

FIRST SESSION

Thursday, May 8, 1941 - 1:30 P.M.

The Convention was formally opened by the president, Mrs. P. J. Kramer. After the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation", devotion, "Yesterday—The Foundation", Luke 6:49 and I Corinthians 3:11 was given by Mrs. Robert Inslee in the absence of Mrs. E. C. Bentz, who was ill.

Mrs. F. J. Weertz, wife of the pastor loci, graciously welcomed the Convention, and introduced their missionary officers.

Mrs. Kramer thanked the ladies for their kindnesses.

Greetings were extended by Dr. F. J. Weertz of the local church, and by Rev. W. E. Crouser, who spoke in behalf of the Synod. Mrs. Kramer called upon Rev. Crouser to thank the Synod for the lovely joint program.

Greetings were given by Mrs. R. Burke from the Augustana Synod, Rev. H. O. Egertson of the Norwegian Synod, and Rev. H. C. Jerskild of the Danish Synod.

Miss Florence Welty, retired missionary from India, and Mrs. Elvira Strunk, missionary from China, were presented to the Convention, as were Mrs. Devin from Florida, and Mrs. Klotche, whose husband was a Midland faculty member, and Mrs. Meyer from Chicago. Seven Past Presidents were presented, as were Mrs. Allen, pastor's wife of Phoenix, Arizona, and three other delegates with her.

Mrs. Harry R. Allen brought greetings from the Pacific Synod.

Miss Rosa Flathman responded to the greetings, in the absence of Mrs. Francis Pryor. She extended thanks to Mrs. Weertz and First Church for

their hospitality.

Miss Ava C. Jersted of the First Church gave a beautiful vocal solo, "The Twenty-Third Psalm", Molotte's arrangement. She was accompanied by Miss Esther Lindhardt.

Mrs. G. L. Hudson presented the program as outlined. It was accepted by a vote of the Convention, a letter of thanks to be sent to the Synod by the Secretary.

Dr. Iva A. Baltzly reported a total of 162 present, of whom 7 are officers, 16 pastors' wives, 14 departmental secretaries, 56 delegates and 69 visitors.

The Report of the President with various recommendations was given and referred to the committee on same.

The Vice-President and Secretary gave verbal reports. The Reports of the Treasurer, Statistician, Historian and Adviser were adopted as read.

Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the First Church.

The following committees were appointed:

President's Report—Mrs. J. P. Beasom and Mrs. H. Opperman.
Resolutions—Mrs. D. E. Wright, Mrs. W. E. Crouser and Mrs. C. J. Chelson.
Nominations—Mrs. E. N. Spirer, Mrs. Margaret Linebaugh, and Mrs. C. B. Holand.
Credentials—Iva A. Baltzly, Ph. D., Mrs. L. D. Swanson, and Mrs. Ema Bair.
Auditor of Bills—Mrs. J. Hjort.

The following reporters were appointed:

Lutheran Woman's Work—Mrs. C. E. Young.
The Lutheran—Miss Rosa Flathman.
Golden State Lutheran—Mrs. L. N. Chelson.
Local Papers—Mrs. G. L. Hudson.

Dr. H. J. Pflum, President of the Board of American Missions of Buffalo, N. Y., gave a very illuminating talk. He said that it is most encouraging to note that in the United States and Canada, a new mission is being started every 17 days, and every 29 days one becomes self-supporting. The Lutheran Church is a very definitely growing church.

After singing the hymn, "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less", Miss Elvira Strunk spoke on "Echoes from China Missions".

Dr. J. E. Hoick consecrated the offering which amounted to $14.80.

Benediction was given by Rev. J. E. Hoick.

Thursday Evening, May 8th, 8:00 P.M., First Church auditorium

A splendid musical program was rendered, prepared under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Hoick, followed by a reception given by First Church ladies. Mrs. Kramer, President of Synodical, presented a redwood gavel in behalf of the Women's Missionary Society to the President of Synod, Rev. Wm. H. Derr, D.D., in honor of the Synod's Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mrs. Hoick extended greetings to the Synod upon the Fiftieth Anniversary.

GREETINGS TO THE SYNOD UPON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

by

Mrs. J. E. Hoick

There is no other organization in the Synod so closely identified with it as the Women's Missionary Society, for with the exception of the first year, the women have met in convention at the same time and nearly always in the same building for forty-nine years. No greetings could be more hearty

or cordial than the congratulations extended by the women.

This **golden state** by the **golden gate**, with the **golden ore** beneath the sod, with the **golden poppies** blooming above it, with the **golden sunbeams** giving warmth and light by day, and painting a magnificent picture of **golden clouds** as the sun sets in the **golden west**, all form a wonderful background for a **golden anniversary.**

The records have been searched. The activities of the Synod have been published. It is passing through a period of inspection and it will stand the test, as the history reveals grand and noble service accomplished by the pastors and the congregations laboring together in this great state during the past fifty years, for the establishment of churches and the uplifting of human souls.

As the Synod crosses over the threshold into the second half of the century it will be accompanied by the unfailing friendship, the companionship, the cooperation, the gifts and the prayers of the Women's Missionary Society.

SECOND SESSION

Friday, May 9, 1941 - 9:30 A.M.

The Convention was opened with the hymn, "I Can Hear My Saviour Calling", followed by the devotion "Today, The Call", Acts 16:9, given by Mrs. Robert Inslee.

A motion was made by Mrs. J. E. Hoick, and carried, that a note be sent to Mrs. Bentz, expressing our thanks and love, and our wish for her speedy recovery.

73 delegates responded to Roll Call. Reading of the Minutes.

Mrs. C. F. Crouser reported for the Northern Conference, and Mrs. E. N. Spirer in place of Mrs. D. E. Wright, for the Southern.

Grace-Esther Chelson and Mrs. E. N. Spirer gave "Echoes from the Triennial Convention" held at Des Moines, Iowa, and thanked the ladies of the Convention for sending them as delegates.

Mrs. Helen Morgan of Beverly Hills gave beautifully a timely message in song, "If Christ Came Back Today", by Jeffry O'Hare. She was accompanied by Mrs. Taylor.

The Departmental Secretaries were presented in an original skit, "Information Please", by Mrs. F. J. Weertz.

Mrs. D. J. Snyder supervised the Society Reports, each society having 15 or more points being classed as Superior Merit, and those that met 12 requirements went on the Honor Roll. Superior Merit Societies placed Gold stars and the Honor Roll Societies Silver stars on a large chart.

The offering was $13.01.

The closing hymn was "Take My Life and Let It Be".

Benediction by the Rev. Robert S. Romeis, Fresno.

THIRD SESSION

Friday, May 9, 1941 - 1:30 P.M.

The afternoon session of the Convention opened with the hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing". Devotions, "Today, Our Responsibility", John 12:36, were given by Mrs. C. F. Crouser.

73 delegates responded to Roll Call. Reading of the Minutes.

Mrs. W. E. Crouser announced that the Summer School of Missions at

Mt. Hermon would be held July 19-26. Mrs. E. N. Spirer reported for the School of Missions in the South.

Rev. H. P. Allen, in behalf of the Synod, thanked the ladies for the present of a gavel.

Rev. F. P. Swanson gave an interesting talk on the New Mission at Morningside, where he is the pastor. The Morningside Mission was accepted into the Synod as a new congregation.

Mrs. E. N. Spirer thanked the Missionary Society for the support given the St. Matthew's at North Hollywood, which became self-supporting, January 1, 1941.

Mrs. Elsa King Frey gave a most interesting talk, assisted by Miss Florence Welty dressed in Indian Sari. Her subject was "One Hundred Years In India". Mrs. Konow and Mrs. Chelson also appeared in Indian Saris. Representatives from the various societies marched to the altar and placed offerings in the chest for the Indian Centennial Celebration. This offering amounted to $39.10.

Mrs. D. Conrey spoke about her work among the Lutheran students. Mrs. Conrey was instrumental in getting Miss Muriel Lester to speak to the students at U. C. L. A. Her subject was "The Practicality of Prayer".

Dr. Kohler urged that serious thought and consideration be given to Social Missions.

Mrs. C. C. Douglas spoke on Migrant Work and the dire need of Christian education.

Mrs. W. H. Keighly made a strong appeal for the "Children of the Church".

Upon motion it was voted that all bills be paid.

Mrs. H. O. Pflum brought greetings from New York.

Offering amounted to $11.00.

After the closing hymn, "O Zion Haste", the benediction was given by Rev. Franklin Smith.

FOURTH SESSION

Saturday, May 10, 1941 - 9:30 A.M.

The hymn, "Open My Eyes That I May See", opened the Convention, after which Mrs. C. F. Crouser gave the devotion, "Tomorrow—The Kingdom", Matthew 28:20.

54 delegates responded to Roll Call. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A rising vote accepted the President's Report in its entirety.

Credential and Resolution Reports were adopted.

The auditor found all bills correct.

The Nominating Committee reported the following:

President—Mrs. P. J. Kramer.
Vice-President—Mrs. G. L. Hudson.
Secretary—Mrs. L. D. Swanson.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Scheehl.
Statistician—Iva A. Baltzly, Ph. D.
Historian—Mrs. L. N. Chelson.

Motion was made and carried to accept the Report of the Nominating Committee. The Secretary cast a ballot unaminously electing the officers presented in this report.

A telegram of greeting from Mrs. Redeen, President of the Iowa Synodical, was read.

The following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Women's Missionary Society were voted upon and adopted:

ARTICLE II—Strike out the words (young women and children of the Churches) after the word (women), add (circles or groups) after the word (societies).

ARTICLE IV, Sec. 2—Strike out the words (chairmen of Standing Committees) after the word (secretaries) and (or young women) after the word (women). Add (circle or group) after the word (society). Strike out the words (each Light Brigade being represented by its superintendent).

ARTICLE VI, Sec. 1—Strike out the word (Committee) and substitute (Board).
Sec. 3—Strike out the word (Committee) and substitute (Board).
Sec. 5—Strike out (or the Conference Treasurer).
Sec. 7—Strike out the words (and Chairman of Standing Committees), and strike out the word (Committee) and substitute (Board).

ARTICLE IX—Strike out (women's and young women's) and insert (circle or group).

ARTICLE XI—Strike out (two), substitute (one).

BY-LAWS—ARTICLE I, Sec. 2—Omit the whole section.

Upon motion it was voted that the Constitution and By-Laws be accepted as amended.

Upon motion it was decided that delegates be instructed to inform their local societies that where more than one missionary group exists within a single congregation, that names be given and numbers used according to the time of organization.

Mrs. Frey made the motion that Deaconess Aid be accepted under the advisement of the Executive Board. The motion carried.

Rising votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Hoick for her work on the "History", to Mrs. Kramer and her society for their work on the beautiful booklets for the Convention, to the officers, and Mrs. Weertz and her committees.

Mrs. E. A. Trabert installed the officers.

After the hymn, "Love Divine", the minutes of the Final Session were read and approved.

The offering was $9.40.

The session was closed by using the formal closing service with the Missionary Benediction.

MOLLY J. SWANSON,
Recording Secretary

REPORT OF PRESIDENT — 1940-1941

Members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of California,
Dear Co-Workers:

As we assemble in our 49th Annual Convention, it is with gratitude to God for His loving kindness, tender mercies, and many blessings bestowed upon us the past year. By the mercy of our God and Father we are permitted to come together to review the work of our Women's Missionary Society. May we enter the spirit of this fellowship and receive inspiration for continued work in His Kingdom.

In this day of the world tragedy, of tragic times for the Lutheran

Church in the world, of bewildering responsibilities may we be able to think clearly, to plan wisely, to hold definitely to our faith that God is at the helm of the universe.

Progress has been made during the past year, but in our rejoicing over results achieved we must not forget the need for continued efforts in all departments to reach the goal for the Synodical of California before the next Triennial Convention. Commendable advancement has been made in gifts the past year. Twelve hundred dollars more was sent to the General Society this year. The Women's Missionary Society has received a broader view of its own possibilities and members have grown in a sense of responsibility as stewards of Jesus, our Master, whose we are and whom we serve.

California Synodical Society has now 47 societies and 877 active and 98 associate members—gain of 49 active and 33 associate members, women of all ages in our United Lutheran Church of America who choose to share their love of God with the whole world. They are women who interpret the "Go Ye" to be a personal command. This group represents only twenty percent of our women in the congregations of the California Synod. To interest the women of our churches in the Women's Missionary Society, societies must have well prepared and well planned programs. The General Society headquarters have splendid material for programs in addition to the Lutheran Woman's Work, the official publication, which should be subscribed for by every member.

We must make a stronger appeal for a growth in the missionary spirit among the women in our congregations. What a glorious result we would have if every member took it upon herself to gain one new member the coming year. Let us strive to reach one thousand for California Synodical before the next Triennial Convention in 1943. Christ bids us "Go and tell" of His redeeming love. More workers in His kingdom are needed in these days of world turmoil.

Your President wishes to thank the Synodical for the honor of being their representative at the Triennial Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, October 5-9, 1940. It was a rich experience. One could never wane in well doing for the Women's Missionary Society after attending such a gathering of consecrated women. One hundred and eighty-seven delegates, thirty missionaries, totaling seven hundred women including visitors attended every session. Spending these days under the influence of the theme of the convention, "Thy Kingdom Come", one could not help but be inspired. This petition of our Lord's permeated through the thought of every message on the program, our faith was greatly stimulated and our hope could not be shaken.

Fine addresses and reports of the Convention will be found in the November, 1940 issue of the magazine. California Synodical has been honored by having Mrs. Hoick on the National Executive Board for the past three years. Honor came again to California at the Triennial Convention by electing Mrs. Elsa King Frey on the Executive Board of the National Women's Missionary Society.

California delegates were pleased to hear reported at the Triennial Convention that California had gained fifteen percent membership and had one hundred percent Life Membership organizations. California ranked second. Mrs. Grace-Esther Chelson represented the Young Women of our Synodical at Des Moines. I am sure her experience was rich. The Executive Board voted February 10th to create a Promotional Department. Your President appointed Grace-Esther Chelson as she is well qualified to carry on in this new department having attended the Convention and getting the larger vision of the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Chelson presided at the Young Women's Congress in Fresno, May 4th and 5th, 1940.

All groups will now be known as Women's Missionary Society groups. The Young Women's groups will function the same as usual, known as First or

Second Society, names given to societies preferred; but follow the work and policies of the Women's Missionary Society as outlined by the General Women's Missionary Society. Congresses may be held for social and educational value.

Thirteen societies have met the requirements for Honor Roll and sixteen Superior Merit Societies.* Let us reach a one hundred percent goal before 1943.

The next few months will be centered on the fulfillment of the India Centennial goal of fifty thousand dollars. A thousand dollars from California is our aim. Send in your contribution within the next two quarters. One dollar per member will help reach our goal in California. Lutheran Woman's Work, April to December, will contain material for programs. Mrs. Elsa King Frey is the Synodical chairman. She will communicate with each society.

We are glad to welcome two new groups in our Synodical Society, Glendale, First (Second group, Pi Rho Theta), Rev. J. P. Beasom, pastor; Berkeley, St. Michael's (Third Group), Rev. E. A. Trabert, pastor.

Before giving you an accounting of my stewardship as your President, I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the hearty cooperation of all the officers and secretaries of departments. It is a joy and a deep responsibility to serve as President of the Synodical Society. Whatever progress we have shown is due to all working shoulder to shoulder and under God's guidance, giving to Him the praise and honor. I wish to pay special tribute to our Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl for her faithful service, not only in recording and depositing our funds, but the personal contact she has made with society treasurers has been appreciated and has meant great efficiency in sending in the funds on time. Mailing the remittance blanks in before the 15th of each month has proved successful.

Your President has conducted most of the Synodical work by communication. Has written one hundred and fifteen personal letters, seventy-two post cards, sent out twelve hundred sheets of stationery and envelopes to officers and chairmen, signed five Life Membership one hundred percent certificates, mailed one hundred and seventy-five circular letters to societies, two hundred mimeographed copies of Honor Roll requirements and information of the work of the General Society and fifty calls to the Convention. After the Convention at San Jose in April your President represented the Synodical at the following: May, Young Women's Congress in Fresno, eight Mt. Hermon School of Missions program committee meetings; July, attended the Mt. Hermon School of Missions two days at Mt. Hermon; August, Northern Conference Executive Board, spoke at eight societies on the Women's Missionary Work and Triennial Convention. October 6-9, delegate to Des Moines Triennial Convention; November, sent written report of Triennial Convention to Northern Conference Convention in Fresno; February 10th, Synodical Executive Board in Los Angeles; February 28, read Liturgy on Day of Prayer; March, Executive Board of Lutheran Alliance Committee as chairman to plan second annual Lutheran Prayer service, March 30th; April 24, Augustana Women's Missionary Society Convention, greetings from our Synodical.

I submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That as an expression of gratitude to God for the continued privilege of free worship—we pledge ourselves anew to the responsibility of keeping the lamp of Christianity alight.

2. That in a world "shaken to its foundation" and at a time when the faith of the church is being tested, because of a chaotic world order, we remain conscious of the purpose of our Woman's Missionary Society and show our faith in its ongoing program by continuing to promote "now more than ever" the work of the church for which we are responsible. This is our National President's recommendation.

3. That until January 1942 we cooperate in the plan of the church for

observing the India Centennial, and continue our effort in raising one thousand dollars for California Synodicial.

4. May we continue to show a keen interest in the work of our children. Let us, as individuals, share our experiences in the Christian training of the youth.

5. Strive to attain one hundred percent Superior Merit Societies before the next Convention in honor of our fiftieth anniversary.

6. Participate in a campaign for members during October, cooperating with Promotional and Extension Secretaries.

7. That ten dollars from Lenten Self-Denial Fund be allowed for Membership Campaign.

8. That fifty dollars be given from Lenten Self-Denial Fund for migrant work.

9. That the Y. W. Triennial Convention Travel Fund be continued.

10. That twenty-five dollars be added to the Deaconess Fund from the Lenten Self-Denial Fund.

11. That Rocky Boy Special remain our objective for the coming year of one dollar per member.

12. That all societies have a Public Thank Offering Sunday for Missions in November, and a Lace Sunday in May (Mother's Day), with the Sunday-School children taking part in the program and the offering for mothers in India.

13. That the balance on hand in Synodical Special Fund for Sierra Madre be kept intact until definite plans are determined by Synod in regard to the project.

14. That one hundred copies of the revised constitution and by-laws be printed.

15. That we, at Convention assembled, express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. J. E. Hoick who has been the Synodical Historian for twenty-five years and has completed a splendid history of the California Synodical, which is printed in the Synod History Book commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Synod of California.

16. May God's richest blessings be upon every member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted,
NAN S. KRAMER, President

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

I have been able to assist several people this past year in acquiring data. A great deal of the material was helpful to Mrs. Hoick compiling the fiftieth anniversary booklet. In the scrapbook of churches many more pictures could be used, and I would like to suggest that each Society send in pictures of their churches and up-to-date information about the congregation's growth. I have filed the twelve copies of the Lutheran Woman's Work since last Convention. I have tabulated such information as has come to me for the archives. I also filed the minutes of the Synodical meeting and the minutes of the Northern and Southern Conferences for 1940.

Thirty-three copies of the Historian's Statistical blank were sent out and twenty-eight were returned.

The Beverly Hills Society reported the 10th anniversary of their church. Four societies reported pageants given. We have lost thirteen members through death.

In Memory

Active members who have passed on:

Mrs. Anna Marquardt, Beverly Hills.
Mrs. Frank Hemsing, First Church, Oakland.
Mrs. B. M. Fritz, First Church, San Francisco.
Mrs. F. Stadler, St. John's, Sacramento.
Mrs. Catherine White, First Church, San Diego.

Life Members who have passed on:

Mrs. J. M. Telander, First Church, Glendale.
Miss Frances Smith, First Church, Los Angeles.
Mrs. John Peters, St. Paul, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Carl Wiberg, Grace, Phoenix, Arizona.
Mrs. Selma Koehrer, Grace, Phoenix, Arizona.
Miss Margaret Imbusch, Trinity, Riverside.
Mrs. Amanda Johnson, St. Paul's, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Minnie Schwartz, St. John's, Sacramento.
Mrs. H. W. Hawkinson, St. Mark's, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Martha E. Maurer, Grace, Alhambra.

Respectfully submitted,
RUTH CHELSON, Historian

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL HISTORY

The recommendation adopted last year that a history of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of California should be written, has been complied with and placed in the book just published, "The Fruitage of Fifty Years". It was both a pleasure and a duty to perform the task as it required time and effort to accomplish. Our section in the book includes twelve pages, one half of which are illustrated with pictures of the workers. We trust it will be of value as the years go by and that it will be used by the Master to inspire our women and others to earnest endeavors for Him.

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE HOICK

REPORT OF TREASURER, WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
1940-1941

RECEIPTS:			
Balance, March 20, 1940		$ 526.44	
Receipts from all sources, 1940-1941		5,300.32	
			$5,826.75
DISBURSEMENTS:			
To General Treasurer		4,846.55	
Transferred to Savings Account		74.00	
Delegate's Travel Expense, Young Women's Congress		121.00	
Gift to Young Women's Congress, Synod of California		10.00	
Treasurer, Children of the Church (postage)		4.68	
Synodical Expenditures:			
President's Expenses	$25.40		
Secretary's Expenses	14.97		
Treasurer's Expenses	12.62		
Statistician's Expenses	5.00		
Historian's Expenses	2.35		
Thank Offering Sec'y Expenses	1.75		
Annuity Sec'y Expenses	1.53		
Magazine Sec'y Expenses	1.10		
Life Membership-In Mem. Sec'y Exp.	1.25		

Visitation Sec'y Expenses	2.38		
Gift to Janitor (Convention Church)	2.50		
Printing Convention Programs	8.73		
Expenses, Miss'y speaker at Convention	16.80		
Treasurer's Bond	5.00		
Printing Stationery	19.80		
For Printing Minutes of Synod	60.00		
Cuts and postage for Synodical History	8.05		
President's R.R. fare to Board Meeting	17.30	206.53	
			$5,262.76
Balance on hand March 20, 1941			564.00
Balance in Savings Account, March 20, 1941			287.97

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer

Audited, April 4, 1941, and found correct, O. W. Wiebel.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

For year ending March 31st, 1941

This year we can rejoice as a Missionary Society, for we have substantial gains to report. While we have lost one society, we have also gained one, "Pi Rho Theta" of Glendale; so the number of societies remains the same.

All societies now rank as Women's Missionary Societies; and where there is more than one group in the same church, they are designated First or Second Societies or with names. This is the new ruling throughout the United Lutheran Church.

Our membership for 1941 is as follows:

Membership

	SOCIETIES	MEMBERS Active	Associate	Total
Northern Conference	16	263	13	276
Southern Conference	31	614	85	699
Grand Totals	47	877	98	975

Gains and Losses

Northern Conference	Same	+28	—3	+17
Southern Conference	Same	+29	+36	+65
Grand Totals	Same	+49	+33	+82

Respectfully submitted,

IVA A. BALTZLY, Ph. D.

DEPARTMENTS

ANNUITY—Mrs. Margaret Linebaugh, Secretary

One Annuity Bond of $500 was issued to Mrs. Louise Wright Drake, Northfield, Minn., donor—Mrs. Ella W. Cutler, and a $200 Bond issued to Mrs. Hilda Weersing, First Church, Los Angeles. To date 14 Annuity Certificates of $3,200 are credited to California Synodical, thirteen in Southern Conference, one in Northern Conference. Four of these have reached maturity and their gifts are now carrying on the work they began during life.

BOX WORK—Mrs. D. E. WRIGHT, Secretary

Societies have sent boxes and cash to the following: Kormarock School, Kodiakanal, Rocky Boy Mission, China and Virgin Islands. Box valuation was $596.05; cash $23.50.

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH—Mrs. W. H. Keighley, Secretary.

The Women's Missionary Society has just cause to be proud of the Light Brigade which in 17 years grew and developed to such an extent that it became a part of the nucleus of a church-wide program such as The Children of the Church. There are 276 churches in the Synod (U.L.C.) that have children's groups (outside of the Sunday School) that previously had no children's organization. From July 1 to June 30, 1940 there were 1386 active groups. Their offerings were $13,144. May we continue to bring every child to the knowledge and love of Jesus. Let us show an interest in the work of our children as we have in the past.

DEACONESS—Miss Matilda E. Fritz, Secretary.

(a) Familiarize yourself with the work as conducted by the three Mother houses in the U.L.C. (at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Milwaukee). Literature can be secured from Mrs. Edmund Funck, 160 W. Luray Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(b) See that Deaconess work is presented at your society meetings at least once during the year. Send in a donation toward the Deaconess Fund from your society.

(c) Be constantly on the alert to discover young women who should become deaconesses. Report their names to the General Secretary of the department. For those who do not want to become regular deaconesses the Baltimore Motherhouse offers a one year course for Christian workers. Who will win the first young woman from the California Synodical to deaconess work?

(d) Ask your pastor to preach a sermon during June on Deaconess work.

$75 was voted this year toward the assistance of a young girl from Phoenix, Arizona, who wishes to enter Baltimore Motherhouse.

EDUCATION—Mrs. E. N. Spirer, Secretary.

The responsibility of this department is to provide free literature and priced material published by the General Society at headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. at Conferences and Conventions and also at request of societies.

Be Informed! Be Inspired! Be Guided! Women of greater talents than ours write books for us, and plan programs, but unless we read and ponder the books and use the programs, they are so much waste paper.

Literature was displayed at San Jose, Fresno, World Community Institute, Glendale. Sales amounted to $61.16.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION—Mrs. C. F. Crouser, Secretary.

(a) Mission Study Classes—15 enrolled 265

(b) Book Reviews groups — 2 enrolled 46

(c) Reading Circles — 5 enrolled 63

22 classes with an enrollment of 374. The Mission Study Honor Roll members are Mesdames Caroline Young, C. S. Izenour, Kate Binder, Margaret Evans, A. Andelstedt, B. T. Gregory, W. N. Herkebrath, O. Johnson, C. F. Jones, H. Paul Romeis, C. E. Rowe, E. Smith, J. Steffens, D. E. Littleton, Wm. Bailey, G. L. Hudson, Elsa King Frey and Clarence F. Crouser. The above figures indicate great growth in the Department of Mission Study.

INDIA LACE—Miss Rosa Flathman, Secretary.

Lace sold during past year—Northern Conference, $10.03; Southern Conference, $23.47. 14 Societies contributed $84.00 toward the "India Lace Industry", and programs were given on Mother's Day. Many societies choose a Sunday in May for India Lace Sunday, when the Sunday School children give an offering for the mothers of India.

LIFE AND IN MEMORIAM—Mrs. C. J. Chelson, Secretary.

Life Memberships received during Synodical year	54
Honorary Memberships received during Synodical year	9
Total Memberships Received	63
Active Life Memberships on Synodical Honor Roll	734
Honorary Life Memberships on Synodical Honor Roll	144
Total Life Memberships on Synodical Honor Roll	878
In Memoriams on Synodical Honor Roll	5
Total In Memoriams	105
Total 100% Life Membership Societies	4
Total 100% Life Membership Families	47
Total 100% Life Membership Certificates awarded	51

The income from this department to the General Fund this year has been $705.00, the largest contribution in the history of the California Synodical.

One Hundred Percent Life Membership Families, 1940 to 1941

Rev. Edward N. Spirer family, St. Matthew's, North Hollywood.
Lawrence N. Chelson family, Beverly Lutheran, Beverly Hills.
Virgil C. Chelson family, Trinity, Riverside.
Dr. H. K. Morgan family, Beverly Lutheran, Beverly Hills.
Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr. family, First, Glendale.
F. J. Bowman family, First Glendale.
Geo. E. Inslee family, First, Glendale.
100% Life Membership Society—First, San Diego.
100% Life Membership Society—Bethel, San Jose.

MAGAZINE—Mrs. C. E. Young, Secretary.

34 societies reported 558 subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work. 11 societies have not reported. 8 societies have 100% subscriptions. 15 societies use the Budget Plan of subscription. 7 societies have as many subscriptions as members. They are Huntington Park, St. Luke's; Glendale, First; Berkeley, St. Michaels; Hollywood; Richmond, Grace; Phoenix, Grace and Oakland, First.

PATRON AND PROTEGE—Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Secretary.

Support of Bible Women—Beverly Hills, $60; Hollywood, $25; Young Women of Southern Conference, $61; Total, $146.

Scholarships—Glendale, First, $55; San Francisco, St. Mark's, $40; Santa Monica, St. Paul's, $40; Total, $135.

There is a way in which we can spend more time working for Jesus. A way in which we can spend several life times in His service. That way is provided through the PATRON AND PROTEGE PLAN.

We can use our means to spread the Gospel, by helping others to speak for us. To the extent that we give to this project, we open other lips to speak for us; we open other hands to work for us; we send other feet to carry the message for us.

In the back country of India, Africa, China, and many other lands in our care, there are rural villages with millions of souls waiting for the message of Salvation. Even our own North America is scarcely half won for

Christ. How else can we bring the Gospel to those than through a proxy missionary? This may be done in many ways:

AN OFFERING OF

1. $250.00 a year will provide an effective missionary in the native tongue.
2. $50.00 a year will provide a Scholarship at Konnarock.
3. $40.00 a year will provide a Scholarship at a girls' school in India or Africa, etc.

You may feel that you cannot give sufficiently to provide for one of these. For you, there is a "SHARE" plan, which is offered to those who cannot assume the full support of an assignment.

The AIM of our Synod for the coming year should be that EVERY society be numbered among the supporters of the Patron and Protege program.

STUDENT—Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Secretary.

In our congregations 145 students, 93 men and 52 women, are attending institutions of higher education. Six students are studying for the ministry. Names and addresses of students away from home were sent to the pastors of churches in such centers as these students were located.

THANK OFFERING—Mrs. John Hjort, Secretary.

The Thank Offering of California Synodical amounted to $1,560.79—an increase of $242.79 over last year. Truly we have much for which to be thankful in these troublesome times. Giving without prayer is of no avail, therefore as we give may we not forget to pray and our God will surely hear us and bless us.

VISITATION—Mrs. D. J. Snyder, Secretary.

"Visitation" has been changed to Extension Department. The fact that 91% of the women of our churches are not actively engaged in promoting the work of the church through the Women's Missionary Society and that there was a gain in membership of only 6¼% during the past triennium is a direct challenge to this department. Call upon lapsed church members, seek prospective church members, visit the sick and shut-ins. Appoint an Extension Secretary this coming year.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once more the Lord has blessed us with an efficient and Godly president. Her report shows the tremendous work that she has accomplished for the kingdom of our blessed Saviour. She has been a blessing to the church and an inspiration to all the women of our Missionary Societies. We are grateful that she has been given to us as our leader and president.

Your committee recommends that the president's report with all the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JAMES P. BEASOM

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

With grateful hearts we acknowledge the grace and mercy of our Heavenly Father in prospering the work of our Synodical Society. Ever mindful of the great opportunities, which are ours, in showing God's love, we offer the following Resolutions:

1. That we humbly bow before our Saviour, and thank Him for the

Christian lives of our 14 members, who have been called home.

2. That we thank Dr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Weertz for their gracious and kind hospitality, and that we express appreciation to the ladies of the First English Lutheran Church for their untiring efforts in making our Convention a most happy and pleasant occasion.

3. That we extend a rising vote of thanks to all our officers for their willingness and efficiency in performing their duties.

4. That we acknowledge the faithful work of those of our Departmental Secretaries who must now relinquish their offices, because they have served the prescribed time.

5. That we are thankful for the services of our missionaries.

6. That we express our thanks to the speakers, musicians, vocalists, chairmen, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce for the badges, the Synod for the program and our pages in the History of the Synod of California, and to all those who made our program one of such variety and inspiration that it will long be remembered by all those who attended.

Respectfully submitted,
HELEN R. WRIGHT
BELLE CROUSER
ESTHER D. CHELSON

SUPERIOR MERIT AND HONOR ROLL

16 Societies met the Superior Merit Roll requirements.

13 Societies met the Honor Roll requirements.

The Superior Merit Societies were the following:

Beverly Hills, L. A., 18 points; Berkeley, St. Michael's (First), 18 points; Oakland, First (First), 16 points; Glendale, First (First), 18 points; Pasadena, Trinity (First), 15 points; Riverside, Trinity (First), 15 points; Redlands, First, 16 points; San Diego, First, 15 points! Hollywood, L. A. (First), 15 points; Alhambra, Grace (First), 15 points; Huntington Park (First), 18 points; Fresno, First (Second), 15 points; North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (First), 15 points; Riverside, Trinity (Second), 18 points; Arizona, Phoenix, Grace, 16 points; Santa Monica, St. Paul's, 16 points.

The following Societies met the Honor Roll requirements:

Richmond, Grace, 13 points; Sacramento, First, 13 points; Pasadena, Trinity (Second), 13 points; Los Angeles, St. Mark's (First), 12 points; San Jose Grace, 12 points; Sacramento, St. John's (First), 12 points; Long Beach, Trinity, 12 points; Oakland, St. John's, 12 points; Los Angeles Bethany, 12 points; San Bernardino, First, 13½ points; Los Angeles, First, 13 points; Oakland First (Second) Louisa Miller, 13 points; Los Angeles, Hollywood (Second), 13 points.

Others met the following points:

San Jose, Bethel, 11 points; Sacramento, St. John's (Second) Dorcas, 11 points; Fresno, First (First), 10 points; North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Second) Faith, 9 points; San Francisco, St. Mark's, 9 points; Los Angeles, Bethany (Second) 9 points; Gardena, St. John's, 8 points; Berkeley, St. Michael's (Second), 8 points; San Francisco, First, 8 points; Alhambra, Grace, (Second) Dr. Anna Kugler, 7 points; San Francisco, St. Matthew's, 7 points; Santa Barbara, Grace, 6 points; San Diego (Second), 6 points.

Societies which did not reach the 12 requirements have worked faithfully in securing new members, life members and have shown progress.

Plan to reach the Honor and Superior Roll requirements for our Golden Jubilee at the next Convention which will be held in Sacramento, St. John's Church in May, 1942.

APPENDIX A—FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA FOR 1940-1941

NAME	Annuity	Assoc. Members	Bible Women	Box Work	Cen. Fund	Christmas Off.	Deaconess	General Fund	In Memoriam	India Lace	Lenten Offering	Life Members	Migrant	Synodical Fee	Synodical Special	Support of Missionary	Scholarships	Thank Offering	Triennial Convention	Visitation	Y. W. Travel Fund	Totals of Groups	Totals of Churches
ıambra, Grace (1st)	$	$2.00	$	$ 1.00	$ 9.00	$	$	$ 28.80	$15.00	$13.00	$	$ 10.00	$	$ 5.00	$ 22.00			$ 53.25	$ 2.60		$ 1.00	$ 162.65	$
ıambra, Grace (Kuglers)			5.60					18.40			.50			4.80				9.20	1.60		1.00	41.10	203.75
rkeley, St. Michael's (1st)		1.00			1.00	3.30	1.00	31.60		4.00	3.50	40.00		6.00	26.00			57.75	2.60		1.00	178.75	
rkeley, St. Michael's (2nd)						1.00		7.20		2.00				1.75	3.50				1.00		1.00	17.45	196.20
verly Hills			60.00		3.60			21.70		6.00	11.80	30.00		4.10	8.00			36.00	2.40		1.00	184.60	184.60
esno, First (1st)						4.00		26.00			4.00			6.50				30.00	2.00		1.00	73.50	
esno, First (2nd)								24.00			4.50			5.00				17.00	2.00		2.00	54.50	128.00
rdena, St. John's								21.00						4.00				10.50	2.00		1.00	38.50	38.50
endale First (1st)		2.00				10.00		73.00			16.00	90.00		14.50	58.00		55.00	156.00	6.00		1.00	481.50	
endale, First (Pi Rho Th.)			3.00					3.00														6.00	487.50
llywood, (1st)			25.00	10.00	15.00	5.00		37.85				10.00		6.75	37.00			56.00	2.50		1.00	206.10	
llywood, (2nd)			15.00			2.00		25.00				10.00		5.00				16.00	2.00		1.00	76.00	
llywood (3rd)								6.00						2.50								8.50	290.60
ntington Pk., St. Luke (1st)						1.00		29.00		5.00	1.00	30.00		6.00	24.00			84.50	2.30	1.35	1.00	185.15	
ntington Pk. (Go Ye)			7.00					18.50				50.00		5.00				36.42			1.00	117.92	303.07
ıg Beach, Trinity	500.00				5.00	1.00		38.00						8.00	11.00			47.00	3.00		1.00	614.00	614.00
; Angeles, Bethany (1st)						2.00		9.00						3.00	14.00			23.29	1.40		1.00	53.69	
; Angeles, Bethany (2nd)			4.20					8.40				10.00		3.00					2.20			27.80	81.49
; Angeles, First						2.70		48.00	30.00		5.00	10.00		10.25	40.00	1.00		90.00	4.00		1.00	241.95	241.95
; Angeles, St. Mark's (1st)					1.00	7.00	2.00	24.00			13.00	20.00		5.00	20.00			50.00	2.00		1.00	145.00	
; Angeles, St. Mark's (2nd)			4.00					12.00						1.00				9.00	1.00		1.00	28.00	173.00
; Angeles, St. Paul's (1st)								12.00						2.00				5.30	1.00		1.00	21.30	
A., St. Paul's (Yowomis)								14.00						3.00	3.00						1.00	21.00	42.30
Hollywood, St. Matt. (1st)		2.00			2.00			16.00				30.00		3.00	12.00			30.35	1.60		1.00	97.95	
Hollyw'd, St. Matt. (Faith)								16.50				10.00		4.15	13.00			27.29	1.50		1.00	73.44	171.39
kland, First (1st)						3.00	2.00	22.00	15.00	4.00		20.00		4.00	20.00			55.30	2.00		1.00	148.30	
kland, First (Louisa Miller)						2.00		12.00		3.00	1.00	10.00		3.25					1.00		1.00	33.25	181.55
kland, St. John's					3.00	4.00		12.00			2.25	30.00		2.50	10.00			44.00	1.00		1.00	109.75	109.75
adena, Trinity (1st)						4.00		37.00		18.00	5.00	20.00		6.00				55.00	3.00		1.00	149.00	
adena, Trinity (2nd)			2.00					7.40						1.75				19.00			1.00	31.15	180.15
enix, Grace								22.10				10.00		5.45				44.06	2.00		1.00	84.61	84.61
llands, First						2.00		20.60			9.45	10.00		4.60	17.00			33.00	1.70			98.35	98.35
hmond, Grace						1.75		15.90		4.00	3.50	10.00		3.00	13.00			10.00	1.30		1.00	63.45	63.45
erside, Trinity (1st)					6.00	6.00		19.00		5.00	9.00	10.00		3.00	11.00			41.00	2.00		1.00	113.00	
erside, Trin. (Nona Diehl)			5.60		13.00	1.00		21.50			13.30	10.00		4.00				19.00	1.20		1.00	89.60	202.60
ramento, First						2.00		24.00				10.00		5.00	14.00			19.50	2.00		1.00	77.50	77.50
ramento, St. John's (1st)						5.00		24.00		3.00	5.00	10.00		5.45				50.10	2.00		1.00	105.55	
ram'to, St. John (Dorcas)						11.35		21.90			2.28	10.00		4.00				14.00				63.53	169.08
n Bernardino, First						2.36		12.00			4.54	10.00		2.00	8.00			10.49	1.10		1.00	51.49	51.49
n Diego, First (1st)						11.05		26.80			10.95	10.00		4.50	17.00			99.00	2.15		1.00	182.45	
n Diego, First (2nd)			5.00					14.50						5.00							1.00	25.50	207.95
n Jose, Bethel (L. Woerner)					5.00	1.00		10.10		1.00		50.00		2.95	9.00			13.00	.90		1.00	93.95	93.95
n Jose, Grace						2.00		20.00						3.00	13.00			31.00	2.00		1.00	72.00	72.00
n Francisco, First								12.00				10.00		2.30	6.00			51.00	1.80		1.00	84.10	84.10
F., St. Mark's (Mis. Study)								20.60		13.00		10.00		5.90	14.00		40.00	5.74	2.40		1.00	112.64	112.64
n Francisco, St. Matthews								22.00						3.00				20.00	2.00			47.00	47.00
n Francisco, Temple								5.00						1.00								6.00	6.00
ta Barbara, Grace						1.00		14.60	15.00					3.00	3.00			12.00	1.20		1.00	50.80	50.80
ta Monica, St. Paul's			5.00					14.00		3.00		30.00		2.50	10.00		40.00	69.75	1.00		1.00	176.25	176.25
W. of Southern Conference			4.60		10.00																	14.60	14.60
thern Conference					5.00								10.00									15.00	15.00
odical Convention Off.														45.15								45.15	45.15
ipts for 1940-41	$500.00	$7.00	$146.00	$11.00	$78.60	$98.51	$5.00	$999.95	$75.00	$84.00	$125.57	$630.00	$10.00	$251.60	$456.50	$1.00	$135.00	$1,560.79	$80.45	$1.35	$ 43.00	$5,300.32	$5,300.32
nces 1939-40											188.06			186.38	74.00						78.00		526.44
otals	$500.00	$7.00	$146.00	$11.00	78.60	98.51	5.00	999.95	75.00	84.00	313.63	630.00	10.00	437.98	530.50	1.00	135.00	1,560.79	80.45	1.35	121.00		5,826.76
General Treasurer	500.00	7.00	146.00	11.00		98.51		999.95	75.00	84.00	*50.00	630.00	10.00		456.50	1.00	135.00	1,560.79	80.45	1.35			4,846.55
er Expenses											14.68			206.53	74.00						121.00		416.21
alances 1940-41					78.60		55.00				198.95			231.45									$ 564.00

Transferred from Lenten Off. to Deaconess Fund.

$50.00 Transferred from Lenten Off. to Migrant Fund.

APPENDIX B—STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA FOR 1940-1941

CONFERENCE SUMMARIES	Members			Thank Offering			ANNUITY	Patron & Protege		Wk. of Prayer & Self-Denial			Mission Study					Visitation			Deaconess		Box Work Est. Value in Dollars			
	No. Societies	Active	Associate	No. Cong. T. O. Secretaries	No. Public T. O. Meetings		No. Bonds taken this Year	No. Bible Women & Native Workers Supported	No. Scholarships Supported	No. Meetings during Week	Total Attendance	No. Societies using Regular Program for Week of Prayer	No. Classes, Type A, Reading Book & 4 Hrs. in Sessions	No. Book Reviews, Type B	No. Reading Circles, Type C	Total Members in Types A. B. & C.	No. Cong. Classes, Type D	No. Homes Not Connected with Society	No. Such Homes Visited	No. "Quarterly Visitors" Dist.	No. In Service	No. Candidates in Training	Home	Inner	Foreign	Total Value
Southern Conference																										
Alhambra, Grace (First)		26	1	2										3		24	1	100	40				2			$136.00
Alhambra, Grace (Second)		16	4					*1															2			40.00
Beverly Hills, Bev. Hills Luth		15	4	1	1			1		1	35	1		6		15			20	2			1		1	14.00
Gardena, St. John's		18	2		1													20	20				1			5.00
Glendale, First (First)		63	5	1	1					5	95	1					1						1			35.00
Glendale, First (Pi Rho Theta)		10	6					1																		
Hollywood, Holywood Luth. (First)		24	11	1	2			1		1	9		1			15			10				1		1	64.00
Hollywood, Hollywood Luth. (Second)		23	1					*1						2									2		1	19.00
Huntington Park, St. Luke's (First)		23	1	2	1					3	33	1	1			17			17	20			1			100.00
Huntington Park, St. Luke's "Go Ye"		17	3											1	1	24							1			
Long Beach, Trinity		40		1	1		1								1	12		87	87				1			25.00
Los Angeles, Bethany (First)		14	6	1	1					1	10												2			10.00
Los Angeles, Bethany (Second)		12	2																							
Los Angeles, First		34	1																				4			30.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (First)		20		1										2		14							2			45.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Second)		9						*1		11	77												1			7.00
Los Angeles, St. Paul's (First)		10	6																				1			5.00
Los Angeles, St. Paul's (Yowomis)		16																								
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (First)		18	2											4		15							2			10.00
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)		15																								
Pasadena, Trinity (First)		33		1	1					5													3			76.00
Pasadena, Trinity (Second)		8																								
Phoenix, Arizona, Grace		20	6		1					2								130					1			5.00
Redlands, First		17	4		1					5	60	1		1		10		12	12	12			1			10.00
Riverside, Trinity (First)		14	7		1					1	22												1			25.00
Riverside, Trinity (Second)		13	3							1	10				10	10										
San Bernardino, First		11	2		1					5	40	1			1	11							1			2.00
San Diego, First (First)		16		2	1					5	60	1			2								3			25.00
San Diego, First (Second)		18	6					*1																		
Santa Barbara, Grace		12			1																					
Santa Monica, St. Paul's		29	2	1	1										1	6		171	100				1			25.00
Totals - Southern Conference	31	614	85	14	16		1	4		46	451	6	2	19	7	173	2	610	306	34			36		3	$713.00
Northern Conference																										
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Louisa Miller)		33		1	1					4	36	1						25								
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Fideles)		10								8	64	1														
Fresno, First (First)		26	2	2	1					5	175	2														
Fresno, First (Second)		21								2	16	1														
Oakland, First (First)		20			1					1	21	1	1		1	10									1	5.00
Oakland, First (Louisa Miller)		10																					2		1	21.00
Oakland, St. John's		10			1					1		1											1			20.00
Richmond, Grace		13	2	1	1					5	40	1	1			10		40	12							
Sacramento, First		15																								
Sacramento, St. John's (First)		15	6	2																						
Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)		23																								
San Francisco, First		12		1																						
San Francisco, St. Mark's		15	1	1																						
San Francisco, St. Matthew's		19													1	19										
San Jose, Bethel		9	1							7																
San Jose, Grace		12	1	1	1					2								100	20				1			7.00
Totals - Northern Conference	16	263	13	9	6					33	352	8	2		2	39		165	32				4		2	$ 53.00
GRAND TOTALS	47	877	98	23	22		1	4		79	803	14	4	19	9	212	2	775	338	34			40		5	$766.00

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Clarence F. Crouser.

Secretary.

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Month	Cause	Board or Agency
SEPTEMBER	Parish Education . . .	Parish and Church School Board
OCTOBER—	Social Missions	Board of Social Missions
NOVEMBER—	Stewardship	Lutheran Laymen's Movement
DECEMBER—	Christian Ministry .	Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief
JANUARY—	Foreign Missions	Board of Foreign Missions
FEBRUARY—	American Missions . . .	Board of American Missions
APRIL—	Christian Higher Education . . .	Board of Education
MAY—	World Lutheranism . . .	Lutheran World Convention
JUNE—	Deaconess Work	Board of Deaconess Work

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CONVENTIONS OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	*Pastors*	*Congregations*
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	43	28

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25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. N. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30
28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	58	37
39	Sacramento	1930	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	37
40	Long Beach	1931	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	64	37
41	San Francisco	1932	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	68	38
42	Los Angeles	1933	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	65	36
43	Oakland	1934	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	62	36
44	Riverside	1935	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	64	35
45	San Francisco	1936	Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	63	37
46	Phoenix, Arizona	1937	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph. D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	66	37
47	Sacramento	1938	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph. D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	37
48	Santa Monica	1939	Rev. Howard A. Anspach	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	60	37
49	San Jose	1940	Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	57	36
50	Los Angeles	1941	Rev. William H. Derr	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	38
51	Sacramento	1942	Rev. William H. Derr, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	38

SYNODICAL CALENDAR, 1942-1943

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The Officers of the Synodical Brotherhood. (See Report on Page 25.)

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The Rev. Guy L. Hudson

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First Lutheran Church, Glendale, California
May 18, 19, 20, 1943

Minutes

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

of California

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FIRST SESSION

Sacramento, California, April 28, 1942 - 7:45 P.M.

The Fifty-First Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California opened with the Confessional Service followed by the Sacrament of the Holy Communion. The celebrants: The Officers of Synod; Liturgist, Secretary Clarence F. Crouser; Homilist, President William H. Derr, D.D., who preached the sermon on the theme "Revising Our Securities", based on Psalm 11:13.

SECOND SESSION

Sacramento, California, April 29, 1942 - 9:00 A.M.

The devotional was conducted by the Chaplain, The Rev. Henry Irving Kohler, D.D., on the general theme, "Preachers and Preaching", his theme "His Call" being based on John 15:16.

President Derr opened Synod by the use of the prescribed form.

The roll was called.

The following new pastors were introduced: The Reverends Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., Franklin P. Smith, Otto Becker, Erwin A. Vosseler, Lawrence Vosseler, Marvin O. Lee, Franklin A. Swanson. The following visitors were also introduced: The Reverends P. W. H. Frederick, D.D., acting dean of Western Seminary, and Henry H. Bagger, D.D., official representative of the U. L. C. A.; S. O. Thorlaksson, field representative of the Board of American Missions; Arthur C. Knudten, supply pastor of St. John's Church, Gardena, and Charles P. Smith, supply pastor of St. Mark's, San Francisco.

The Secretary read the following:

ROLL OF SYNOD—NORTHERN CONFERENCE (For Location of Churches, See Apportionment Table)

Clerical Roll	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Address of Minister	Cong. Served	Lay Delegate	Laymen's Address
Adolph Jatho (E)	1887	1895	1634 Adeline St., Oakland			
Charles F. Oehler, D.D.	1888	1893	1713 "J" Street, Sacramento			
William Brandes (E)	1888	1896	3266 Liberty Ave., Alameda			
Oscar H. Gruver, D.D. (E)	1892	1904 (1894*)	717 Carlston Ave., Oakland			
Harvey M. Leech	1894	1920 (1912*)	3005 Hillegas Ave., Berkeley			
Henry F. Schmidt	1895	1930	15 Latona St., San Francisco	Temple	George Lohman	1419 Galvez Ave.
John R. Broyer, Ph. D.	1896	1912	1357 Geary St., San Francisco	First	Theodore Broyer	2327 Cedar St. Berkeley
William E. Crouser, D.D.	1898	1902	1204 Lincoln Ave., San Jose	Grace	Prof. Ernest Peterson	McKendrie Ave.
Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	1898	1919	2516 Ashby Ave., Berkeley	St. Michael's	William B. Scheehl	723 - 52nd St., Oakland
Emil Meyer, Supply (E)	1900	1919	215 Delmas Ave., San Jose	Bethel	C. Johansen	251 S. 17th St.
J. S. Herold, D.D. (E)	1900	1939	5452 El Camile Ave., Oakland	St. John's		
Otto Becker	1912	1941	1128 "N" St., Sanger	St. Paul's		
Francis C. Pryor (E)	1916	1937	16th and Grove Sts., Oakland	First		
John C. Bitter (E)	1917	1923	639 "D" St., Fresno	Wartburg		
Herman Lucas	1923	1925	269 Dolores St., San Francisco	St. Matthew's	Bernard W. Dinse	819 Theresita Blvd.
Clarence F. Crouser	1930	1930	2458 - 41st St., Sacramento	First	Herman W. Peterson	3640 W. Lincoln Ave.
Adam Schreiber	1931	1937	2112 Lotus Ave., Fresno	St. Paul's	Peter Nielmeier	2320 Holly St.
M. H. Geissler (E)	1931	1939				
Henry W. Opperman	1933	1936	1709 "L" St., Sacramento	St. John's	W. F. Bening	1320 Vallejo Way
Orval A. Awerkamp	1935	1935	513 - 13th St., Richmond	Grace	P. J. Torvik	4510 Barrett Ave.
Robert S. Romeis	1938	1938	1226 Farris Ave., Fresno	First	Robert E. Paden	265 Blackstone Ave.
J. Edward Oslund	1938	1938	150 - 20th Ave., San Francisco	Service Center		
(Charles P. Smith, Supply)			1135 O'Farrel St., San Francisco	St. Mark's	Guy Reynolds	1133 O'Farrel St.

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John A. M. Zeigler, Ph.D., D.D.(E)	1877	1919 (1907*)	2819 E. California, Huntington Pk.			
C. H. Rockey (E)	1881	1931	2127 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles			
C. W. Maggart, D.D. (E)	1882	1926 (1892*)	2023 W. 82nd St., Los Angeles			
B. L. Westenbarger	1892	1942	2933 S. Orange Dr., Los Angeles			
J. Edward Hoick, D.D.	1894	1898	1041 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles	St. Mark's	W. E. Lebold	843 W. 40th Place
Herbert J. Weaver, D.D. (E)	1894	1900	6814 S. Cedar St., Huntington Park	St. Luke's	H. J. Warnke	3036 Hill St.
William S. Dysinger, D.D.	1894	1916	1329 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles	English (@)		
Norman N. Harter (E)	1895	1911	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles			
Peter Altpeter, D.D. (E)	1895	1922	Bonita, Calif.			
George H. Hillerman, D.D.	1897	1896	1272 N. Garfield Ave., Pasadena			
Warren R. Mottern, Litt.D. (E)	1897	1909	211 N. Adams St., Glendale			
William F. Holl (A)	1898	1939	125 Pomona St., Long Beach			
Sylvanus H. Yerian, Ph. D., D.D.	1899	1926	4341 W. 59th Place, Los Angeles			
William C. Miller, S.T.M.	1899	1928	232 W. Olive St., Redlands			
William F. Poat, LL.D.	1901	1920	3925 Walnut St., Riverside	Trinity		
A. J. Soldan, D.D. (E)	1901	1929	10441 Ashton Ave., W. Los Angeles	Village Church		
Daniel J. Snyder, D.D.	1903	1908	2085 Linden St., Long Beach	Trinity	Herbert J. Finke	22 W. 51st Street
William H. Derr, D.D., Supply	1903	1912	377 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena	Grace, Alh'bra	L. E. Schaefer	111 S. Monterey St.
Albert Fieblekorn (E)	1903	1921	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia			
Arthur A. Isham (E)	1907	1912	832 Alvarado St., Redlands			
Homer L. Bosserman (E)	1910	1936	Rt. 1, Box 339-A, Tucson, Arizona			
Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	1913	1930	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena	Trinity	George Spindt	99 N. Roosevelt
William J. Dentler (E)	1914	1916	330 Cajon St., Redlands			
J. George Dorn, D.D.	1914	1927	1733 N. New Hampshire, Hollywood	Hollywood	Prof. John B. Nield	1733 N. New H'mpshir
Henry Irving Kohler, D.D.	1919	1930	7011 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles	Bethany	George E. Bitts	4726 Loma Vista, Verr
Erwin A. Vosseler	1920	1941	3058 Juniper St., San Diego	First	John Titlow	3765 Narraganset Ave
D. Edward Wright (E)	1923	1923	3046 Freeman St., San Diego	Chaplain Serv		
James P. Beasom, Jr.	1923	1937	1650 Capistrano Ave., Glendale	First	C. E. Bentz	1515 Verd Oaks Dr.
Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.	1924	1941	3119 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles	First	H. A. Weisman	2721 Barcourt Ave.
Carl A. Miller	1925	1941	232 W. Olive St., Redlands	First	William Opperman	457 La Verne Ave.
Harry R. Allen	1926	1940	1120 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, Arizona	Grace		
Clifford B. Holand	1927	1938	823 - 20th St., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	F. C. Noel	348 - 21st Street
Guy L. Hudson	1930	1930	122 S. Almont Dr., Los Angeles	Beverly Hills	Rev. B. L. Westenbarger	2933 S. Orange Dr, L.A
Erwin T. May (E)	1930	1930	615 S. 6th Ave., Pocatella, Idaho	Chaplain Serv.		
Edward N. Spirer (E)	1930	1931	6616 Irvine St., North Hollywood	St. Matthew's		
Delmar L. Dyreson (E)	1931	1934	Camp Elliott, California	Chaplain Serv		
H. Paul Romeis	1931	1936	733 "H" Street, San Bernardino	First	J. F. Saunders	
Franklin P. Smith	1937	1941	1217 W. Ramona Blvd., Alhambra	St. Paul's. L.A.	William Har	1617 Monterey, Al'mbr
Franklin A. Swanson	1938	1942	8457 Byrd Ave., Inglewood	Holy Trinity		
Lawrence A. Vosseler	1941	1941	233 S. Kenwood, Glendale	First (Asso. P.)		
(A. E. Grosclose, Supply)			1109 Anacapa, Santa Barbara	Grace	Ole Veidt	2914 Puesta Del Sol
(A. C. Knudten, Supply)			3922 Brighton Ave., Los Angeles	St. Jno. G'dena		

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Convention Committees

President's Report: The Revs. J. R. Broyer, H. A. Anspach, F. C. Pryor, and Carl Miller; Prof. John B. Nield.

Resolutions: The Revs. J. George Dorn, E. A. Vosseler, Albert B. Schwertz; Messrs. F. C. Noel and George Spindt.

Claims: The Revs. Clifford B. Holand, Adam Schreiber; Messrs. W. B. Scheehl, L. E. Schaefer.

Letters and Papers: The Revs. W. E. Crouser, Paul Romeis, J. C. Bitter, J. S. Herold; and Mr. J. P. Torvik.

Excuses: The Revs. W. L. Poat, Harry Allen, Herman Lucas, Otto Becker; and Mr. W. F. Bening.

Tellers: The Revs. Orval A. Awerkamp, Franklin Smith, Franklin A. Swanson; Messrs. Guy Reynolds, E. C. Bentz, Theodore Broyer.

The First Vice-President, Guy L. Hudson, was called to the Chair and President Derr presented:

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Brethren:

We are meeting today in our fifty-first annual convention of Synod in response to the gracious invitation of St. John's congregation of Sacramento, and its pastor, Rev. Henry W. Opperman.

We are also participating in the 75th anniversary of the organization of St. John's congregation. Suitable recognition of this fact will be made later during the sessions of Synod.

At this time, however, we wish to extend our hearty congratulations to the members of St. John's church for the splendid achievements and honorable record made during the 75 years of its history, forty-five of which were under the pastorate of Dr. C. F. Oehler, and since his retirement, under the energetic leadership of the Rev. Henry W. Opperman. May God's blessing be upon your future efforts for the extension of His kingdom.

We are meeting at this time under world conditions of which history has no parallel, the outcome of which God alone can tell. It is a testing time for the church. In these times we need more devotion, more self-sacrificing service; a faith that realizes more than ever, as did Luther, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." We must have a fellowship that not only endures, but that dares to do the will of the Lord.

Summary of Activities

Resignations

The Rev. Frederick J. Weertz, D.D., from the First Church, Los Angeles.

Rev. William C. Miller, S.T.M., from the First Church, Redlands, Jan. 15, 1942.

Rev. J. Edward Oslund, from St. Mark's, San Francisco, Jan. 12, 1942.

Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman, St. John's, Gardena, Oct. 15, 1941.

Calls Accepted

Rev. E. A. Vosseler, First Church, San Diego.

Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., First Church, Los Angeles, Oct. 15, 1941.

Rev. Carl A. Miller, First Church, Redlands, Jan. 15, 1942.

Installations

Rev. E. A. Vosseler, First Church, San Diego, Sept. 16, 1941, by Dr. George

H. Hillerman, at the appointment of the President of Synod.

Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, First Church, Los Angeles, Dec. 7, 1941, by Rev. J. M. Francis, D.D., at the appointment of the President.

Rev. Otto Becker, St. Paul's Church, Sanger, by Rev. Adam Schreiber assisted by Revs. J. C. Bitter and Robert Romeis.

Transfers to Other Synods

Rev. Frederick J. Weertz, to the Iowa Synod.

Rev. Sydney E. Bateman to the Central Synod of Pennsylvania.

Transfers to the California Synod

Rev. Franklin P. Smith, from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Sept. 24, 1941.

Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler, from the Pacific Synod, Aug. 2, 1941.

Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, from the Iowa Synod, Oct. 15, 1941.

Rev. Otto Becker, from the Lutheran Synod of Manitoba, Canada, Oct. 14, 1941.

Rev. Lawrence Vosseler, from the Synod of the Northwest, Dec. 1, 1941.

Rev. Franklin A. Swanson.

Rev. Marvin O. Lee, from the Synod of the Northwest.

Ordination

At the authorization of the Synod of the Northwest, Lawrence Vosseler, was ordained in the First Church, Glendale, Rev. James P. Beasom, pastor, by the President of Synod. The brother of the candidate, Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler, preached the sermon. Other Lutheran pastors in the vicinity participated in the services.

Chaplains in Service

Rev. Delmar L. Dyreson.

Rev. Erwin T. May

Rev. J. Edward Oslund.

Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., U. S. Home Guard Air Corps, Glendale.

Pastors of Local Churches Doing Service

Rev. E. A. Vosseler, at San Diego.

Rev. Harry Allen, Phoenix, Ariz.

Rev. Henry W. Opperman.

In Memoriam

Rev. James J. Chambers, of Visalia, passed to his eternal reward on June 13, 1941. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Sawyer, of Seattle, assisted by local ministers of the Northern Conference.

Mrs. Martha Gehrcke, widow of the late Rev. Herman Gehrcke, was called to rest on Nov. 15, 1941, after a long illness. The funeral services were in charge of the Rev. Herman Lucas, pastor of St. Matthew's Church of which Rev. Gehrcke had been the founder and pastor for many years.

Dedications

The beautiful new church building of Fresno, Rev. Robert S. Romeis, pastor, was dedicated Sunday, April 26, with appropriate services. The President of Synod preached the sermon, and other officers of Synod assisted, also the brother of the pastor, Rev. Paul H. Romeis, of San Bernardino.

The Santa Monica Hospital, having been taken over by the California Lutheran Hospital Association, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies January 4, 1942. The President of the California Synod, Rev. W. H. Derr, D.D., read the dedicatory service. Mr. Fritz Noel, President of the Association, made an address, and introduced other speakers.

Rededication

St. John's congregation, Gardena, carried out the plans made by the former pastor, Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman, by remodeling the interior of the auditorium, which makes a beautiful, churchly appearance. The building had suffered much from earthquake shocks, and was badly in need of repair. Rev. Arthur C. Knudten, who is under appointment by the Home Mission Board to supply the pulpit was in charge of the services, which were held Sunday, Feb. 15, 1942, at 2:30 in the afternoon. The President of Synod preached the sermon, assisted by Dr. J. E. Hoick, and Rev. Guy L. Hudson, president of the Southern Conference. Other ministers who spoke informally, were Dr. J. A. M. Ziegler, Dr. Yerian, and Rev. N. N. Harter.

Anniversaries

Bethany congregation, Los Angeles, Rev. Henry I. Kohler, D.D., pastor, celebrated the 15th anniversary of its organization, Oct. 12, 1941, with special services. The President of Synod preached the sermon. Under Pastor Kohler's ministry, of twelve years, the congregation has been brought to self support, and the old building remodeled into a beautiful churchly structure. We congratulate the pastor and congregation on splendid achievements.

St. Luke's, Huntington Park, Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D., pastor, celebrated its twentieth anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 2, 1941. The President of Synod preached the anniversary sermon in the morning, and Rev. D. Edward Wright, who supplied this congregation for a time after its organization, made the address in the evening. Rev. W. H. Derr, officially organized this mission 20 years before when he was then President of Synod.

St. John's, of Sacramento, (the host church of the convention) was organized 1867, Dec. 1. It is therefore 75 years old, and antidates the organization of the California Synod. Much interesting history is packed into the records of these years; the outcome of it all is this large congregation, with its beautiful and well equipped church, and its commodious parsonage which adjoins the church.

St. John's Church, Oakland, celebrated its 20th anniversary June 8, 1941. The first mortgage was burned at this time. Repairs to the church building included the replacing of the foundation, joists and floor, due to the effective work of termites. The exterior of the church was painted. The first payment on the church extension loan was made during the Easter season.

The First Church, Fresno, in connection with the dedication of its new church building, also celebrated its 25th anniversary with a banquet the same evening. This congregation was organized April 8, 1917, by the late Rev. H. C. Funk, then the Superintendent of Missions in the California Synod.

Interesting Items from Different Parishes

The First Church, Sacramento, Rev. Clarence F. Crouser, pastor, improved its church property by painting the exterior and redecorating the interior. The grounds were also relandscaped. This congregation was fortunate in receiving some worthwhile gifts. A neon-lighted "Wayside Pulpit" was donated by Deacon A. G. Pape, and dedicated with proper ceremonies. Also the gift of a steam table by Deacon I. D. Jones, and also a solid oak serving table for the kitchen. All this but indicates a growing and deepening spiritual life in the congregation.

The First Church, San Bernardino, Rev. Paul Romeis, pastor, reports the purchase of a new organ, the Everett Orgatron, costing $1815.00. This improvement adds much to the beauty and dignity of the service. The

tower room was remodeled and fitted up for a church office and pastor's study. The pastor's salary was also increased.

St. Matthew's, San Francisco, Rev. Herman Lucas Pastor, has a number of organizations which function for the welfare of the congregation. The Brotherhood remodeled the social hall, paying for the materials and doing the work. New light fixtures were installed. The Ladies' Aid, Junior Aid and the Luther League, each contributed a part to the recarpeting of the vestibule of the church. It is estimated that $1000 worth of improvements have been made.

Trinity Church, Long Beach, Rev. D. J. Snyder, D.D., pastor, reports a reduction of the debt on the property to the amount of $3000.00 since the first of January. This reduces their obligation to less than $5000, which is expected to be met within the next year.

The Wartburg congregation, Fresno, Rev. J. C. Bitter, pastor, reports the installation of a new organ, and that special services of dedication were held Sunday, April 19, at which time Revs. Lucas, Schreiber, Becker, and Robert Romeis assisted the pastor in the service.

The First Church, San Francisco, found it necessary to make extensive repairs to the roof of the church. The heavy rains on Easter Sunday did not interfere with a splendid service. The pastor, Dr. J. R. Broyer was assisted by the Pacific Secretary of Home Missions, who preached the sermon at the main service. Rev. Harvey Leech and Dr. van Orden, with the pastor participated in the liturgical part of the service.

Most encouraging reports come from San Diego, Rev. E. A. Vosseler, pastor. The people have responded heartily to the leadership of their new pastor. Accessions have been large, the finances have improved to the extent of making possible necessary repairs to the church property, consisting of repairs to the organ, rewiring of the auditorium at a cost of $584. In addition over $2000.00 pledged toward reducing the debt on the property.

Temple Church edifice, San Francisco, claims to be the oldest Protestant church building in the city. It is in need of repairs both interior and exterior. Likewise the parsonage needs improvements. The pastor, Rev. Henry F. Schmidt, is busy raising funds toward making these improvements. After this is accomplished, the congregation will celebrate its silver anniversary. The property is 46 years older than the congregation. It was originally the property of a Presbyterian congregation.

Grace Church, San Jose, Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., pastor, is doing its bit for the boys in service. The headquarters of the 7th army corps is less than a block from the church. The basement of the church has been fitted up as a home-like center, to which service men are glad to come. Every convenience is afforded. The good women of the church are active in serving the boys with hot coffee, cocoa, and plenty of good things to eat.

Holy Trinity Mission, Morningside, Los Angeles, at the end of its first year, reports over 150 members; $3000 in building fund, with good prospects for building operations this summer. Franklin A. Swanson, is the energetic pastor.

St. John's, Sacramento, is the Lutheran center for service men of Mather and McClelland Fields. A close contact is maintained with all Lutheran men at these two camps through a committee in the Luther League and a service men's secretary. Between thirty and forty army men attend services each Sunday. There has been a marked increase in membership and finances the past year. Rev. Henry W. Opperman is the pastor.

Trinity Church, Riverside, is taking on new life, from the report of the annual congregational meeting, which had the largest attendance in the history of the present pastorate. All financial obligations were met, and the apportionment paid 100 percent.

First Church, Los Angeles. The new pastor, Rev. Dr. Albert B. Schwertz, arrived October, 1941. Since then the Bible School has been reorganized

into departments, and the Christian life course introduced. The interior lighting has been improved, especially in the pulpit and chancel. A lighted bulletin board was purchased and mounted on our church lawn. The Luther League is now divided into three groups. The latest item of news is the calling of an assistant pastor in the person of Rev. Marvin O. Lee, who is on the field, actively at work.

The outstanding item from the First Church, Fresno, is the completion of their new church building. Rev. Robert S. Romeis, the pastor, deserves much credit for this achievement.

The First Church, Glendale, has made a record the past year, which is quite outstanding. It has paid off all the debt on the church property, approximating $10,000. In addition it has made extensive repairs, both to the building, and in new furnishings for the interior, costing somewhere near $5000. The projected improvements have not all been completed. A gift of a Baldwin Grand Piano from Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Tappe, is much appreciated.

Trinity, Pasadena, reports the redecorating of the social hall, with new furnishings, costing $125.00. The gift of Maas organ chimes, 21 notes, by the Luther League, amount $400.00. A gift of 26 choir robes for the Luther League choir, by Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Lieberg, charter members of the congregation. Debt reduction of $1500.

Hollywood Lutheran Church, reports that the nave of the church has been recarpeted. Organ console and choir stalls rebuilt, at a cost of $500. Debt reduced $2500. Thirty-eight boys and one woman serving in the armed forces of the nation. The pastor, Dr. Dorn, for the fourth time, was chosen as the preacher for the Easter sunrise service in the Hollywood Bowl. The service was broadcast throughout the United States, Canada, and by short wave around the world. It is estimated that 200 million people listened in.

St. Paul's, Santa Monica, has had a good year with steady gains in all departments. While there have been many newcomers to Santa Monica who have helped to swell the attendance at services, the congregation has lost a number of its key men due to the war, which required their services in other parts of the country and of the world.

Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, Rev. Guy L. Hudson, pastor, has made some notable improvements to its property through the efforts of the men of the church. The exterior of the church received a new coat of white paint which makes the building stand out like a lighthouse in the community. The Easter communion was the largest in the history of the congregation. The full apportionment has been paid. Sixteen new members received since Jan. 1st, and two groups of young people will be confirmed on Whitsunday.

Grace Church, Alhambra, has met all its financial obligations the past year, as is its yearly record. The apportionment paid in full, substantial reduction of the church debt, notwithstanding the absence of the regular pastor, Rev. D. Edward Wright, who is serving as a chaplain in the navy, located at present at San Diego. On Easter Sunday the congregation was presented with a handsome silk flag in honor of Chaplain Wright, by Mr. and Mrs. Nordeman, former members of Grace Church, but now located in San Diego. Rev. W. H. Derr is the acting pastor.

Santa Barbara is being supplied by Rev. Albert Groseclose, awaiting the action of the Board of American Missions, as to the future of the congregation.

Grace Church, Phoenix, Arizona, Rev. Harry R. Allen, pastor, has had a very prosperous year. Among the improvements are the redecorating of the interior of the church, built a seven room parsonage, paid $1500 on the first mortgage; made the quarterly payments on the second mortgage to the Board of American Missions a year in advance, totaling $990.00. Since the first of the year 47 new members have been received, and another fine group will be received Whitsunday. Increased attendance at all services is reported,

and also all financial obligations promptly met.

Grace Church, Richmond, Rev. Orval Awerkamp, pastor, reports the largest attendance of soldiers at services of any church in town. The pastor is sponsoring special services for the boys at their camp at Point Richmond Sunday afternoons. The congregation over-subscribed the $1400 goal for principal by $200. The balance of the bank debt is to be raised this year. All departments of the church are functioning at full capacity.

The Village Church of Westwood, Los Angeles, has purchased a lot and is bending every effort towards raising funds towards the erection of a church building. This effort is being made without asking aid from the Board of American Missions.

St. Matthew's Church, North Hollywood, comes with the encouraging report of a 75 percent increase in Sunday School attendance. Every department of the church work has functioned well, and all financial obligations have been promptly met.

Considering the report as a whole, we find very gratifying results in the way of material improvements, consisting of one new church building, a number of others remodeled, improved both interior and exterior, one new parsonage built, and debts greatly reduced on properties. Increased interest in church attendance is evident, and many new members added to our church rolls. There has been no note of discouragement from any of our pastors, which is a hopeful sign for future progress. May God continue to bless our sincere efforts to do His will.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. DERR, D.D.

The report was received and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

William B. Scheehl presented:

TREASURER'S REPORT

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

January 1, 1941 to December 31, 1941

		Receipts	Disbursements
BALANCES—January 1, 1941			
Synodical Treasury	$ 1,486.86		
J. W. Ball Estate Fund	75.00		
Student Work Fund	14.00		
Mission Survey Account	681.42	2,257.28	
APPORTIONMENT—			
United Lutheran Church	$10,436.70		10,436.70
Synodical Treasury	2,725.36		
Midland College	1,227.40		
Total Apportionment		14,389.46	
Midland College (Gifts)		312.06	*1,639.46
Lutheran World Action		617.17	†617.17
Service Men's Welfare		568.64	568.64
Foreign Missions		141.32	141.32
Other Benevolences		255.85	255.85
University Student Work		522.50	511.50
Ministerial Education		93.00	643.00
Repayment a/c Ministerial Education		120.00	
Synodical History Account		558.50	779.08
Misc. Receipts—Synodical Treasury		1.62	
Executive Committee Expense			228.98
Home Mission Committee Expense			113.80
Mission Survey Fund Disbursements			15.66
Other Officers' and Committees' Expenses			12.66
Officers' Salaries and Expense Allowance			1,000.00
Golden Jubilee Committee Expense			260.35
Convention Travel Expense			200.69
Other Convention Expense			15.00
Printing Minutes of Synod		60.00	311.88
Golden State Lutheran			195.23
California Lutheran Camp			108.24
Yosemite National Park Church			50.00
Sequoia National Park Church			25.00
Gift to W. M. S. for India Centennial			100.00
Postage and Stationery			61.38
Miscellaneous Expenses			26.08
		$19,897.40	$18,317.67
Balance, December 31, 1941			1,579.73
		$19,897.40	$19,897.40

* One Hundred Dollars contributed from General Fund in Synodical Treasury.

† Eighty Dollars and Ninety-eight cents received in offerings at Synodical Convention contributed to this cause.

Consolidated Report on Financial Condition Dec. 31, 1941

Cash in Synodical Treasury	$ 888.97	
Mission Survey Fund	665.76	
Student Work Fund	25.00	
Total Cash Balance		1,579.73
Notes Receivable		1,600.00
Home for Aged Fund Gross Assets		22,753.39
TOTAL GROSS ASSETS		$25,933.12

HOME FOR THE AGED FUND

Cash on Hand January 1, 1941	$ 3,463.12	
RECEIPTS —		
Payment on Principal (Mortgage)	698.00	
Interest on Mortgage	122.47	
Interest on Savings Account	69.42	
Rec'd from Estate of Dr. Milton H. Stine	2,625.00	
Other Receipts	10.00	
		$ 6,988.01
DISBURSEMENTS —		
U. S. Defense Bonds Purchased	$ 5,000.00	
Taxes	217.07	
Comm. on Sale of Stumpf Property	50.00	
Cost of Collection on Mortgage Payments	4.55	
		5,271.62
CASH BALANCE		$ 1,716.39
Cash Balance	$ 1,716.39	
U. S. Defense Bonds	5,000.00	
Mortgage on Stumpf Property	2,250.00	
Sierra Madre lot at cost	12,500.00	
234 Shares L. A. Investment Co. (Market)	1,287.00	
	$22,753.39	

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Oakland, Calif. - April 14th, 1942

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California:

We have examined the books and accounts of William B. Scheehl, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and find them correct and in order, and the balances of one thousand five hundred seventy-nine dollars and seventy-three cents in the General Treasury and one thousand seven hundred sixteen dollars and thirty-nine cents in the Sierra Madre savings account to be in agreement with the balances as shown by the bank statements.

Respectfully submitted,
The Auditing Committee,
H. B. O'BRIEN
O. W. WEIBEL

The report, with auditor's endorsement, was adopted. Supplementary

reports for the first three months of 1942 and of the payments by congregations on apportionment were received as information.

Robert S. Romeis presented:

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

April 28, 1942

Fathers and Brethren:

The statistical sheets have been posted and with the following constitute the Report of the Statistician for the year 1941.

Reports were received from all congregations. A few were late, but on the whole the response was commendable. On many reports minor corrections were necessary.

Two new congregations were included this year in the report of the Southern Conference. As a result the gains for the Southern Conference are somewhat larger than those of last year. In the Northern Conference Benevolence (Apportioned) $72.50 was received too late to be included in the report.

A comparison of the more important totals follows:

	Synod	N. Conf.	S. Conf.
Baptized Members	844 gain	165 gain	679 gain
Confirmed Members	631 gain	100 gain	531 gain
Communing Members	363 gain	8 loss	371 gain
Sunday School Scholars	98 gain	59 loss	157 gain
Catechumens	18 gain	5 loss	23 gain
Men's Societies Members	99 loss	34 gain	133 loss
Youth Societies Members	39 gain	31 loss	70 gain
Property Valuation	$22,200 loss	$2,500 gain	$24,700 loss
Congregational Expense	17,715 gain	935 gain	16,780 gain
Benevolence (Apport.)	827 gain	48 loss	875 gain
Benevolence (Unapport.)	595 gain	283 gain	312 gain

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. ROMEIS, Statistician

The matter of correcting the number of communicants reported by congregations was discussed and the motion prevailed that the Report of the Statistician in its corrected form be adopted.

In the absence of the Archivist no report was given.

J. Edward Hoick presented:

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

With the completion of the Synodical History for the first fifty years, it might be inferred that the work of the Historian has been finished. But history is continuously being made, and each year, the developments should be recorded.

Accordingly, your Synodical Historian has secured two loose leaf folders, one for each Conference, in which entries will be made of interesting events from time to time.

Thus from one year to another, these supplemental pages will preserve in manuscript form, a continuous record.

This project will be greatly facilitated, if pastors will send the Historian announcements and programs of important events.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN EDWARD HOICK

The report was adopted.

Clarence F. Crouser presented:

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE ADVISER

(Northern Conference)

The District Luther League of Northern California is composed of groups from nine of the sixteen churches of the Northern Conference. At present there are ten Leagues in the District. Active interest is being shown by groups within three other congregations, and it is hoped that they may soon affiliate with the District. One new League affiliated last year, that of St. Matthew's, San Francisco.

The District League met all of its financial obligations last year, and is the third District League, out of the thirty-two in the Luther League of America, to meet its national dues in full this year.

Two Spring Rallies and one Annual Convention have been held since the appointment of the undersigned as adviser. The rallies were held in St. Mark's, San Francisco, on May 25th, 1941, and St. Matthew's, San Francisco, on April 26th, 1942. Both were well attended and revealed much interest in the District.

The Annual Convention was held in Grace Church, San Jose, on October 18th and 19th, 1941. Dr. W. H. Derr, preached the Convention sermon, following the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by your Adviser and the host pastor. Discussion groups were conducted during the Church School period by Miss Emelie Waggoner, Educational Secretary for the District; Mrs. C. F. Crouser, Missionary Secretary; Mr. Howard L. Logan, Second Vice-President of the Luther League of America; and the Adviser. The presence of Chaplain Leo R. Nielsen, formerly a member of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America and Mr. Logan added greatly to the success of the Convention. The business session was conducted by President Wallace A. Norum, First Church, Sacramento.

The District paper, "The Microphone" has been issued quarterly, twice by St. John's, Sacramento, and twice by St. Mark's, San Francisco. Your Adviser has contributed a column to each issue, besides sending four circular letters and a number of individual letters throughout the churches of the District.

The present officers are: President, Mr. Edward Stillwell, St. John's, Sacramento; Vice-President, Miss Margaret Swendsen, St. Michael's, Berkeley; Secretary, Miss Priscilla Kleppel, St. John's, Sacramento; and Treasurer, Mr. Fred Knauss, St. Matthew's, San Francisco.

During the year, your Adviser was privileged to address the Annual Conventions of the Northern Conference and of the Women's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference on the work of the Luther League.

I consider it a privilege and an honor to have been permitted to have served in some small way the youth of our church, and I bespeak for the Adviser of next year the same loyal support which has been accorded me.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE F. CROUSER

Howard A. Anspach presented:

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE

(Southern District)

Under the leadership of President Frank McKelvey and his cabinet, the Southern District has enjoyed another prosperous year.

Seven representatives were sent to the National Convention in Canada.

The district was the first among state and district organizations of the

U. L. C. A. to pay its missionary quota for the present biennium, 108% of this objective having been paid at the end of the first nine months of the biennium. The Long Beach League was presented with a suitable award for over-subscribing its quota by the largest margin.

The District ranks high in the number of sustaining memberships, and was thirteenth among the various groups to pay its dues to the general society in full.

Splendid quarterly conventions, well attended, were held in Santa Monica, August 23; Hollywood, November 30; and San Diego, February 15. Plans are about completed for what promises to be a fine annual convention at Glendale, May 22, 23, 24.

Among other achievements was a successful week-end Lutheran Camp outing, August 2, 3, with 49 Leaguers in attendance; a successful basketball league season, with St. Luke's, Huntington Park, winning; the monthly publication of a paper, the "Loud Speaker", a copy of which was sent to each of the many Leaguers now in the armed forces of the nation.

The Intermediates which are not numerous as to organizations have been active and have begun the publication of a two-paged paper for promotional purposes.

According to plans now being made through Howard Logan of the Executive Committee, the Rev. William Ducker, Intermediate Secretary, and in charge of League promotional work, will visit our territory during August of this year, beginning his Synodical itinerary at Phoenix about August 11, then on to San Diego, August 12, and thence to the Los Angeles area where he will remain until about August 20, for several group meetings, after which he will visit groups in the Northern Conference. Pastors are urged to keep this visit in mind, and to lend full cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. ANSPACH

These reports were adopted and a summary ordered printed in the Minutes.

A recess of ten minutes was declared, following which the Rev. Henry H. Bagger, D.D., addressed the Convention on the theme, "The Word at Work in the Work of the Church."

Adjournment followed a prayer by Earnest A. Trabert.

THIRD SESSION

Sacramento, California, April 29, 1942 - 2:00 P.M.

The devotional was conducted by the Chaplain on the theme "His Company" based on the 15th Chapter of St. Matthew.

The roll was called.

The Minutes of the First and Second Sessions were approved as read.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel, with time limits set, was adopted.

The Rev. Curtis W. Wiberg, of Sacramento, was introduced and brought greetings from the California Conference of the Augustana Synod.

Greetings were read from the Pacific Synod.

Chaplain F. Fairclough, a member of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, was presented and spoke of his work in the armed forces.

Henry Irving Kohler presented:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

We felicitate the Women's Missionary Society now celebrating its Golden Jubilee and congratulate them for the progress of not only forty-nine consecutive years of missionary enterprise but for their high mark in making this fiftieth, a banner year. Their report, furnished by Mrs. P. J. Kramer, President, is gratifying and should stimulate for greater progress in the years ahead. Number of Societies (50) with 934 active and 80 associate members, a gain of 57 active members for the year. The Week of Prayer was generally observed. $1610.62 was contributed as a Thank Offering. $370.00 for the support of four Bible Women and Five Scholarships. $565.00 given for 32 Life Memberships and 5 Honorary Memberships. One Society (Bethel, San Jose) entered the high rank of 100% Life Membership. One new family was added to the 100% Life Memberships, making a grand total of 48 families. Study classes in Missionary Education, enrolled 236. With 10 groups enrolling 161 for Book Reviews. Five Reading Circles with an enrollment of 89, also 32 other classes, with an enrollment of 468 in some kind of mission study. $468.00 was given to Rocky Boy Mission. The India Centennial goal of $1000, supplemented by $100 from The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, totaled $1,023.45. The Lace Industry of India received $144.00. The Synodical Society of California has invested $300.00 in War Savings Bonds.

In all of our congregations we find from one to five Societies, organized either strictly missionary in objective or social. And more each year we note the social and spiritual interests of the local congregation becoming primary to the monetary objective. In some congregations the only objective is social and spiritual. This is ideal and commendable.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

Henry Irving Kohler presented:

THE SOCIAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Connected with The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California
And the United Lutheran Church in America.

Annual Report of the Board of Managers

The Social Mission Society of the Southern Conference, submit their annual report supplementary in connection with the Synodical Social Mission Committee. The number of members, composed of all those who pay one dollar or more annual membership dues from the respective congregations of the Southern Conference, total 178 with receipts totaling $248.75.

Disbursements for relief of ten cases, one in the Northern Conference, total $145.00 for the year ending December 31, 1941.

The business of the Society is conducted monthly from October first to July, and special meetings at the call of the President, by a Board of Managers elected from the congregations of the Southern Conference.

The following officers were elected at the Annual Vesper Meeting held in the First English Lutheran Church, on Reformation Sunday: President, Henry Irving Kohler, D.D.; Vice-President, Caroline Enders Young; Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Troller, and Treasurer, Sylvanus H. Yerian, D.D.

With the inception of the Samaritan Salvage Society, Inc., the Social Mission Society became a beneficiary together with the Baby's and Children's Clinic of the California (Lutheran) Hospital Society and The Women's Auxiliary of the same on a percentage basis, and beginning with November the receipts of the Social Mission Society have been greatly increased

and continuing the report for the coming year should show far greater returns in both case work and receipts.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY IRVING KOHLER

The report was adopted.

J. George Dorn presented:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

The colleges of our nation since our entry into the war are facing difficult problems. The decline of enrollment and income and the rising costs combine to force the colleges to face the most difficult financial problems in history. The student enrollment as of January 21, 1942 had dropped from 326 to 276 by reason of military service and new opportunities for employment. The total income of the college for the first semester, 1941-1942 from all sources was $63,659.69 and the total operating expenses were $65,701.00, leaving a deficit of $2,041.31. The discontinuance of N. Y. A. and the necessity for increased financial concessions have reduced the income by at least $10,000. Although the financial statement of the treasurer for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1941 showed the total income from all sources $121,294.73 and total expenses $121,237.78, leaving a net profit for the year 1940-1941 of $56.95. The budget for 1942-1943 adopted April 21, 1942, calls for an income of $132,000, from the following sources: Students—$85,000. Synods—$27,000. Board of Education—$8,400. Endowment—$4,000. Fremont—$3,500. Other sources—$4,100. If Midland College and Western Seminary are to continue they must receive increased and guaranteed support.

Your trustees, therefore, transmit the following petitions for favorable action:

1. "The Board most earnestly pleads that the Synod allocate their benevolences in such a manner that not less than sixty cents per communing member shall accrue to the College, and that fifty cents of this allocation shall be designated for the College and ten cents for the Seminary, and that these amounts shall actually be paid.

The Board further pleads that this allocation be effective immediately and that payments to the College be remitted pro rata monthly.

The Synod is hereby informed that action in accordance with the above principle is already in effect by the Pittsburg Synod for Thiel College, by the Iowa Synod for Carthage College, and by the Northwest Synod for Northwestern Seminary.

The Board appreciates the full import of this petition and unanimously records its considered judgment that no alternative is possible.

2. Inasmuch as the Synods, with the exception of California, constitutent to Midland College and the Western Seminary at their 1941 meeting recommended that the Board separate the College and Seminary, and inasmuch as certain financial, legal, and ecclesiastical considerations connected therewith must be presented to the Synods before the Board shall feel itself competent to act upon the recommendations for separation, the Board now unanimously presents to the Synod the following petitions:

(a) Each Synod select one commissioner to be its constituent member on a committee on a western seminary; and that these elections be held at the 1942 sessions;

(b) Instruct their commissioners to assemble at Denver on Wednesday, July 1st, 1942, at 10:00 A.M. to formulate a definite organization of a seminary on the western territory;

(c) Designate Dr. Gould Wickey as advisory member of the committee and convener of the Denver meeting;

(d) Assume all necessary expense involved in the attendance of their commissioners;

(e) That Dr. F. C. Wiegman be present in an advisory capacity."

Respectfully submitted,

J. GEORGE DORN, Trustee

The report was received and the recommendations were considered seriatim.

Dean P. W. H. Frederick was presented and spoke on the work of Western Seminary and Midland College. Under the discussion on the recommendations, the allotted time having elapsed, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for study and report.

The Tellers reported the election of James Prince Beasom, Jr., as President of Synod.

The Secretary presented:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California in Convention assembled:

Reverend Sirs and Brothers:

Your Executve Committee for the year 1941-42 herewith presents a report of its activities since the last meeting of Synod. Five meetings of the Committee were held at the following places: In the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles on May 10th, 1941; in St. Michael's Parish House on September 9th, 1941; in the First English Church of Los Angeles on November 25th, 1941; in St. Michael's Parish House of Berkeley, on February 10th, 1942 and in St. John's Lutheran Church of Sacramento on April 28th, 1942.

Items of expense and bills allowed from time to time during the year will be found in the Treasurer's Report and are, therefore, omitted from this report.

The Standing Committees for the year, as printed in the Proceedings of the 1941 Convention, were approved by the Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to have 1,000 copies of the Synodical Minutes printed and distributed as usual. He was also authorized to secure the necessary Synodical stationery.

The transfers of the Reverends Erwin A. Vosseler, from the Pacific Synod; Franklin P. Smith from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania; Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., from the Iowa Synod; Otto Becker, from the Synod of Manitoba; Lawrence Vosseler, from the Synod of the Northwest; Franklin A. Swanson, from the Illinois Synod; and Marvin O. Lee, from the Synod of the Northwest were received and their names ordered added to the Roll of Synod.

The Committee approved the work being done by Students Elvin S. Hansen, Harold J. Lorimer, Albert Alvin Alsop, and Theodore Youngquist in preparing themselves for the ministry. The requests of the two former for aid was granted to the extent of $200 each plus transportation grant from the Board of Education. Mr. Alsop was commended for his offer to repay the Synod the amount already advanced him for his education. His financial situation being such that our aid was no longer necessary. No application for aid was received from Mr. Youngquist for the current year.

The sum of $250.00 was appropriated for initial expenses in the Mt. Davidson District of San Francisco for assistance on rent, or publicity, but not on salaries.

The sum of $5,000 was withdrawn from the bank and invested in Defense Bonds, Series F as a better investment for the Sierra Madre Fund.

The Committee recommends to Synod that the By-Laws be so amended as to provide for a Parish and Church School Committee with the Parish and Church School Secretary serving as Chairman thereof.

The Women's Missionary Society was billed $60.00 for its share in the printing of the Minutes of Synod.

The sum of $100.00 was allotted from the general fund toward the India Centennial Fund being raised by the Women's Missionary Society.

The following dates were set for the publication of the Golden State Lutheran: October 1st. December 1st. February 15th. and May 10th. The editor was reminded that at least 10 days warning should be given before the dead-line.

The Secretary was instructed to write letters to the congregations in arrears in apportionment. urging a greater effort on the part of people and pastors. The results of this effort by your Committee are apparent in the facts as revealed by the Treasurer in his report.

The sum of $100.00 was appropriated from the Treasury at the suggestion of the Synodical Representative on the Board of Midland College to assist that institution during the emergency occasioned by the war.

A fixed fee of 2 cents per mile was set for Committee members who found it necessary to use a private car in pursuit of the work of their Committee.

Pastors were advised by the Committee that all applications for aid in studying for the ministry must be in the hands of the Committee on Ministerial Education at least 10 days before the Synodical Convention. This action is necessary in order that the amount may be included in the budget to be acted upon by Synod.

The application of the Rev. B. L. Westenbarger. together with his letter of transfer from the Synod of Ohio. was received and referred to the Examining Committee.

The question of the eligibility of men not now engaged in an active pastorate to represent Synod at the Conventions of the U. L. C. A.. was referred to the Committee on Constitution.

The following committees were appointed during the interim:

Committee on Publications: The Rev. John Edward Hoick. D.D.. The Rev. William E. Crouser, D.D., The Rev. Harry R. Allen.

Children of the Church: The Rev. Adam Schreiber. Mrs. William Ironside. Mrs. J. H. Niebanck. Mrs. C. B. Runkle.

Boy's Work Director for Northern Conference: Mr. Elwood C. Moyer.

The following budget was ordered submitted to the Synod for the year 1942-43.

Proposed Budget for 1942-1943

Officers' Salaries and Expense Allowance		
President	$600.00	
Secretary	100.00	
Treasurer	100.00	
Statistician	25.00	
Editor Golden State Lutheran	25.00	
		$ 850.00
Executive and Home Mission Committees Expense		375.00
Other Officers and Committees Expense		50.00
Stationery, Printing, Postage		75.00
Synodical Convention Expense		250.00
Printing Minutes of Synod (Less W.M.S. share)		275.00
Publishing Golden State Lutheran		225.00

Yosemite National Park Church	75.00
Sequoia National Park Church	50.00
Ministerial Education	850.00
California Lutheran Camp	125.00
Per Diem Allowance U. L. C. A. Delegates	512.00
Total Budget for California Synod	$ 3.712.00
United Lutheran Church Apportionment	12.969.00
Midland College (40c on 5.536 members)	2.214.00
Total Combined Budget	$18,895.00

It was recommended that the apportionment dollar be divided in the ratio of 70% for the U. L. C. A., 11% for Midland College, and 19% for the California Synod.

Recommendations

1. That the proposed budget for the year 1942-43 be adopted.

2. That the apportionment dollar be divided in the ratio of 70% for U. L. C. A., 11% for Midland College, and 19% for the California Synod.

3. That the apportionment be set at $3.60 per communicant member.

4. That the By-Laws be so amended that provision may be made for a Parish and Church School Committee with the Parish and Church School Secretary serving as Chairman thereof.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE F. CROUSER, Secretary

The report was received and recommendations considered seriatim. (For action of Synod see page 37.)

Under point of personal privilege, William F. Bening presented:

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

Sacramento, California, April 29, 1942

To the Officers and Members of Synod:

The annual meeting of the California Lutheran Brotherhood was held at Hotel Sacramento, starting with a banquet at 6:30 P.M.

In the absence of Norman W. Hampton, president of St. John's Member's Forum, Rev. Henry W. Opperman acted as master of ceremonies. Mr. Hampton's absence was the result of injuries suffered in a recent automobile accident.

Though the presence of approximately 33 members at this meeting was somewhat disappointing it was not entirely unexpected since the California Lutheran Brotherhood during the past year underwent a series of unfortunate situations which seriously retarded its growth, and actually threatened its very existence. So much for this until later in this report.

Following the banquet, the speaker of the evening, Stanley Pedder of the Emeryville Chemical Co. was introduced and he delivered a most interesting address on "Industry".

The meeting then opened on a regular business session, which was conducted by George C. Wieman, Vice-President. In the absence of a Secretary, W. F. Bening was appointed Secretary pro-tem.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—George C. Wieman
Vice-President—W. F. Bening
Secretary—Clarence Derr
Treasurer—Gardiner Grieve

In accordance with our constitution the executive remains the same, they being,

Louis A. Schaeffer
Howard A. Weisman
Norman W. Hampton

A lengthy discussion followed in which an endeavor was made to diagnose the existing anemia of the California Lutheran Brotherhood and to prescribe proper vitamins for its recovery.

It was finally decided to leave this in the hands of the President and Vice-President, who have since taken preliminary steps to coordinate the northern and southern districts with a view toward presenting a State Brotherhood to the 1943 Synod that will be adjudged worthy of the place that it should have in Synodical activities.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M. after deciding that the California Lutheran Brotherhood would go on its own financially, not asking for financial assistance of any kind from Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. BENING, Vice-President

The report was adopted.

Adjournment followed a prayer by Daniel J. Snyder.

EVENING SERVICE

The Wednesday Evening Service was in charge of the Women's Missionary Society with Mrs. P. J. Kramer, presiding. Dr. H. H. Bagger spoke on the theme "With Banners Flying". Music was furnished by the A Cappella Choir of the host church. Following the session, a reception was given to the visiting delegates by the Dorcas Society of St. John's Church.

FOURTH SESSION

Sacramento, California, April 30, 1942 - 9:00 A.M.

The devotional was conducted by the Chaplain on the theme "His Sermon", based on 2nd Timothy 4:1-8.

Roll call was dispensed with.

Henry F. Schmidt presented:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

A thorough examination of the protocol and printed minutes of the Fiftieth Annual Convention indicates that exceptional care was exercised by the Secretary in the preparation of the protocol, and in the presentation of condensed reports in the printed minutes. The committee commends the Secretary for his excellent copy.

Insofar as we have been able to discover, all matters referred to in the resolutions of the Convention have been acted upon by the respective committees to which they were referred.

The Committee,
HENRY F. SCHMIDT

The report was adopted.

No report was received from the Parish and Church School Secretary.

The President read:

REPORT OF ST. DAVID'S CAMP

For the seventeenth consecutive year, St. David's Lutheran Camp was conducted from July 8-17, 1941, at the California Lutheran Camp. This camp is under the jurisdiction of the Synod of California, and is conducted by the Southern Conference. The Synod owns at this site a commodious dormitory which accommodates 40 people; and has the use of the lodge building and equipment for the month of July at a yearly rental of $50.00.

The members of this year's staff were: Rev. W. H. Derr, Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman, Frank Larsen, Wendell Carr, Ralph Larsen, Randolph and Bill Wright and Rev. D. Edward Wright, Chief.

In addition to group activities, the boys were offered courses in leadership training, handcraft, nature study, and life saving. We have been very anxious to develop leaders for Camp. There were six boys who received awards in the leadership course. The Camp this year was one of the finest we have had.

There were 44 boys at Camp this year. The receipts totaled $673.92 and the disbursements $536.06. The balance of $137.86 is in the Bank of America, Alhambra, St. David's Lutheran Camp Account. The account has been audited by W. H. Derr, and Mr. L. A. Schaefer, and found correct.

Respectfully submitted,
D. EDWARD WRIGHT

The report was adopted and a summary ordered printed in the Minutes.

Upon motion, the St. David's Camp was suspended for the year owing to the prevailing war conditions.

The tellers reported the election of Clarence F. Crouser as Secretary.

Robert S. Romeis presented:

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

The records of the year 1941 reveal the passing of but one ministerial member of our Synod from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant—the Rev. James J. Chambers, who served churches in Alpaugh and Fresno.

I have requested Pastor Opperman to conduct the liturgical service tomorrow and Dr. W. E. Crouser to voice our appreciation of this beloved brother.

I recommend that the "In Memoriam" appended be read at the Memorial Service and printed in the Minutes.

HERBERT J. WEAVER

The report was adopted.

In Memoriam

THE REV. JAMES JOHNSON CHAMBERS

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer. Romans 12:12.

The Rev. James Johnson Chambers was born September 20, 1870 in Chicago, Illinois, later moving to Chapman, Kansas, where he began his early schooling. He attended Midland College and Western Seminary which were then located at Atchison, Kansas. Soon after graduation he embarked on a career of teaching school before entering the ministry.

On Christmas Day, 1894, he married Minnie Jane Callister at Carlton, Kansas. He then took up the work of the ministry, serving in Kansas and Missouri until 1907, at which time he moved to Alpaugh, California. Here he divided his time between the work of the ministry and a small fruit ranch. In 1920 he moved to Visalia, California, from which city he was called to become pastor of First Church, Fresno, California. He accepted the call but maintained his residence at Visalia. In January 1926, while driving to his home from a service in Fresno, he was seriously injured in an auto accident and left in a crippled condition that compelled him to retire from the active ministry, although he maintained his membership in First Church and was always interested in its affairs and in the work of the California Synod.

He entered into Life, June 13, 1941, while at the family home in Visalia, California. He is survived by his widow, five sons and three daughters. The funeral service was held June 16, conducted by the Rev. J. L. Sawyer of Seattle, Washington, a former pastor at First Church, Fresno. Interment took place in the Visalia Cemetery.

Brother Chambers' faith, courage, devotion to the Lord and patience in years of affliction endeared him to all who knew him. He now rests from his labors and his works do follow him. His hopeful attitude in all that pertains to the Kingdom of God abides as our rich heritage.

James P. Beasom presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

During the past year all of the congregations of Synod received the free literature from the layman's movement and with one or two exceptions this has been used. We are grateful for this assistance.

A survey of the Benevolence Contributions for the past five years shows an increase in the financial support of the causes of the church as follows:

Date	App'mnt	Total Benev.	Percent Paid on App.	Percent of Increase or Decrease
1937	$10,333.68	$12,749.03		100%
1938	10,237.92	13.037.15	68.2%	99%
1939	11,488.14	12,604.97	77.5%	111%
1940	13,564.71	15,521.73	84.2%	131%
1941	14,389.46	16,185.17	83.7%	139%
1942				
1st Qt.	4,057.94	4.613.22	88.6%	157%

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. P. BEASOM, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Howard A. Anspach presented:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MISSIONS

In keeping with the institute plan of the Board of Social Missions, your committee arranged for such an institute to be held in each of the conferences under the leadership of Board Secretary Koch. The meetings were held on January 16, in First Church, Los Angeles, and January 19 in St. Michael's Church, Berkeley. Speaking upon the three aspects of social missions, viz., inner missions, social action, and evangelism, Dr. Koch offered many helpful suggestions, and was warmly commended for the inspiration and encouragement brought.

A recent communication from the Board brought the information that a booklet copy of "A Message from the National Study Conference on the Church and a Just Peace," held at Delaware, Ohio, March 3-5, this year, is being mailed to each pastor. It is urged that groups be formed in our several parishes for the study of this booklet, or other suitable texts which are available, that the thought of the Christian people of the nation on the subject of an effective peace, might be crystallized, and made vocal.

The Board also calls attention to the fact that it has been named by our Executive Board to be the official receiver of funds for the aid of our young men who are conscientious objectors to war, and who are without means for their maintenance in Civilian Public Service Camps, where they must pay $35.00 monthly in addition to the labor which they are compelled to give. Some have been forced for lack of funds to enter military service against conscience, while others have gone over to the Society of Friends because of the support given them from that quarter. Pastors are urged to call this matter to the attention of their people, that they may know of this need, and of the channel through which help can be given.

We would express our appreciation to the National Lutheran Council for the fine work being done in behalf of the church among the men in the armed forces of the country. We would urge all local pastors and congregations to lend every possible aid to all service men to keep them in close touch with the church, and especially the men from their own congregations.

And we most heartily commend Lutheran World Action to all, to this end.

We would urge our people to use every proper means as citizens to improve moral conditions everywhere, and especially encourage our legislators to remove, as far as possible vice conditions near our camps and military communities.

We recommend support of the effort by The California Temperance Federation to initiate an amendment to the State Constitution providing for local liquor control, and the Sheppard-Johnson Bill (Senate Bill 860) which will provide for a zone around all army camps where liquor cannot be sold, and forbidding the sale of all intoxicating beverages within the camps.

We likewise urge that our people be on the alert against an attempt to establish a national lottery of any kind for the raising of funds under the claim of economic advantage and necessity.

We recommend that these sentiments be printed in the next edition of the "Golden State Lutheran", to appear as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. ANSPACH

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the election of Statistician and Archivist be taken on one ballot.

J. Edward Oslund spoke on the work being done by the Lutheran Service Center in San Francisco, under the direction of the National Lutheran Council.

J. George Dorn presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Your Committee submits the following amendments:

By-Laws

I. ARTICLE VII "The Executive Committee", add Section 4, page 23, to read:

4. "All requests for appropriation made from the floor of the Convention, shall be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report. A two-thirds vote of the Convention shall be required for adoption."

II. ARTICLE IX "Special Committees" add Section 8, page 24, to read:

8. Committee on Resolutions.

"The duties of this Committee shall be to summarize in appropriate statements, local and national issues, as they may relate and affect the life of the Church. It shall also receive and consider all resolutions submitted by members of the Synod or by its Committees at the Annual Convention, and report the same with its recommendations to the Synod. This Committee shall consist of three members."

Constitution

III. ARTICLE ONE "The Synod".

Section III. The Membership.

A.—Congregations, page 3, add paragraph 4 to read:

"Each congregation shall file a copy of its Constitution with the Archivist of the Synod."

IV. ARTICLE SIX "Standing Committees"

Section VI—The Examining Committee, paragraph 2, Strike out entire paragraph and submit the following:

2. "It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine all candidates

for ordination or otherwise in the following subjects: Personal Piety and Motives for Entering the Ministry, Apologetics, Systematic Theology, Hebrew and Greek Exegesis, Church History, Biblical Introduction, Biblical Criticism, Symbolics, Catechetics, Liturgics, Pastoral Theology, Homeletics, Church Government and Missions, subject to the provisions of Article Seven, Sections I and II."

V. ARTICLE THREE, Section V, 1.

To insert the words "other than that" between the words "Conference" and "to which", so as to read, "and the President of the Conference other than that to which the President of the Synod belongs."

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted. Numbers 1 and 2 were added to By-Laws. Numbers 3, 4, and 5 were submitted for action next year.

The tellers reported the election of Robert S. Romeis as Statistician and Albert B. Schwertz as Archivist.

Henry W. Opperman presented:

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

The Home Mission Committee of the Synod of California met for six sessions throughout the year on the following dates and in the following places: June 18, 1941, at Mt. Hermon; September 9, 1941 at Berkeley; October 31 at Los Angeles; November 25 at Berkeley; February 10 at Berkeley and April 28 at Sacramento.

Important actions looking toward home mission work on the territory of Synod were as follows:

1. Survey of Mt. Davidson territory in San Francisco undertaken by Pastor Groseclose with approval of Board of American Missions.

2. Re-survey of Vallejo by Pastor Groseclose under the same arrangement.

3. Burbank field to be sponsored and pre-empted by First Lutheran Church, Glendale under supervision of Board of American Missions.

4. The recommendation to the Executive Committee of Synod to appropriate $300 for inauguration of work in San Francisco.

5. Request the Board of American Missions to canvass a new section of San Jose.

Results of above actions as of to date:

1. Mt. Davidson field development undertaken by Board Missionary, L. C. Weitzenkamp. There were no tangible results, and at the beginning of December this missionary was recalled by the Board. The Committee has gone on record from the beginning as not favoring this appointment and has asked for another missionary with more ability.

2. Vallejo surveyed with excellent results. No Board missionary has as yet been sent to this valuable field to develop it, because of shortage of men on the Board rolls.

3. $300 appropriated is still in the treasury for use.

4. Burbank has been canvassed by the Rev. Vosseler and shows promise. A lot is needed upon which to build.

5. San Jose has not yet been canvassed.

Miscellaneous actions of the Committee:

1. Request on September 9, to the Board of American Missions for the inauguration of work among the Japanese in the Los Angeles area.

2. Request of the Board of American missions to have their missionar-

ies of Synodical territory submit monthly report to the Home Mission Committee of Synod, if such action is in harmony with Board policy.

3. An expression of approval for the arrangements between Board of Foreign Missions and Board of American Missions replacing of men on furlough from foreign fields.

Appropriations:

The following appropriations toward salary aid for the year 1942 were requested from the Board of American Missions:

Grace Richmond	$450.00	San Francisco, Temple	$360.00
Beverly Hills	250.00	Oakland, St. John's	675.00
Gardena, St. John's	300.00	Santa Barbara, Grace	500.00

Extension of Loans:

Oakland, St. John's	$2,500.00	San Francisco, Temple	$ 500.00
Gardena, St. John's	2,410.00	Alhambra, Grace	1,769.49

Miscellaneous Grant:

San Francisco, Temple (Repair)	$ 37.50	Gardena — St. John's	$720.00

In the discussion which followed, the matter of Christian work among Japanese-Americans now being sent to internment camps was considered. Arthur C. Knudten, twenty years a missionary in Japan and now under the appointment of the Board of American Missions; and S. O. Thorlakkson, twenty-five years a missionary in Japan, and at present a field representative of the Board of American Missions, spoke on the work being done for these Japanese-Americans.

The report was adopted.

William B. Scheehl presented:

REPORT OF CLAIMS COMMITTEE

The following claims were approved by your Committee:

Transportation Expenses	$307.12	$307.12
Special Claims:		
J. E. Hoick, Publication Committee	2.04	
J. George Dorn, Constitution Committee	1.55	
W. F. Poat, Examination Committee	1.84	
E. A. Trabert, Transportation Committee	3.50	
Alice Jolesch, Convention Stenographer	10.00	
John H. Senn, Custodian Services	5.00	
Total Special Claims		29.57
TOTAL		$336.69

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

Robert E. Paden was nominated as a lay member of the Executive Committee from the North and F. C. Noel was nominated from the South. The Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for these men. The vote was cast.

Earnest A. Trabert presented:

REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER

The Synod of California is indebted to the Southern Pacific Company, the Santa Fe Railroad and the Union Pacific Company for granting many

free passes for transportation in the interests of the Church. Special mention must be made of the Southern Pacific Company which has graciously responded to our request for passes for members of the Executive Committee and Home Mission Committee to attend such meetings with no expense for transportation to the Synod.

It has also been our privilege to secure free transportation for several of the members of the Synod to attend meetings in which we were concerned, such as the meeting of the Board of Directors of Midland College, of which Dr. J. George Dorn is our representative. This one was also aided in securing transportation to New York City, and the President of the Synod to Pennsylvania.

Attention is called to a recent statement made in the press,—"Sharp restrictions on the use of passes have been put in effect by the nation's railroads because of the pressure of government business. Only railroad employees have passes." From this it would appear that difficulty may be encountered in securing free transportation in the very near future. Upon two occasions during the past year passes were refused as not being consistent with the policy of the railroads.

It has been my privilege to aid missionaries returning from the orient in securing transportation at clergy rates for their homeward journey. This particular office thus not only serves our church at home, but, as they return, those who come from abroad.

I recommend that the Secretary of the Synod be directed to communicate with the proper official of the Southern Pacific Company, the Santa Fe Railroad and the Union Pacific, the gratitude of this body for their many courtesies.

In connection with my duties as Transportation Commissioner I have expended during the past year the sum of $3.50, which does not include detailed expense. As this is a service for the church, small items of expense have not been regarded.

Respectfully submitted,
EARNEST A. TRABERT,
Transportation Commissioner

The report was adopted.

The suggestion of the Committee on Reference and Counsel that the Ministerium meet at 1:30 and that the devotional service be limited to 15 minutes was approved.

John R. Broyer presented:

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our President, much esteemed by all, read his report on the "official acts" of the year in a measured and suave manner. As his style runs clear of redundant matter, so he keeps the contents compressed to the essentials.

To the minor, as well as the major duties of his "office", he gave the strict attention we should look for in a faithful steward.

The record of local improvements made by the churches upon their properties is impressive. As the clergy pile up their years, so the anniversaries multiply. Our congregations comprise thoughtful people who do not "thrive with their priests". The array of new pastors, just integrated in the Synod, looked inspiring.

If the record appears cut as to the usual "recommendations", the circumstance merely shows that the Synodical economy has taken on a regulated step, or gait.

Dr. Derr gave us a regime of singular blessedness and of archimandrital peace. Synod has grown venust.

JOHN R. BROYER

The report was adopted.

No report was received from the Committee on Student Work.

William E. Crouser presented:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

During the school year 1941-42 three young men were given aid. Paul Henry Wolpert, a member of the First Church of Oakland, received $250.00 in the second year of his course in Mt. Airy Seminary. Harold Lorimer, a member of the Grace Church of San Jose, received $200.00 in his first year at Western Seminary. Elvin Hansen, a member of the First Church of Fresno, received $200.00 in his senior year at Midland College.

The $200.00 which Synod voted at the last Convention to aid Albert Alvin Alsop was not called for because of certain eye trouble. Mr. Alsop very promptly returned the $200.00 given him the year before. His notes for the amount were cancelled and mailed to him.

The following applications for aid during the school year 1942-43 are in the hands of your Committee:

Paul Henry Wolpert, $250.00 to complete his senior year in Mt. Airy Seminary.

Harold J. Lorimer, $200 to take the second year in Western Seminary.

Elvin Hansen, $200.00 for his first year in Western Seminary.

George A. Spindt, a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Pasadena, and a senior in the University of California at Los Angeles, $250.00 to enter either Mt. Airy or Northwestern Seminary.

We recommend: Inasmuch as Midland College and Western Seminary are on our territory, we designate them as our official institutions.

Second, that the sum of $200.00 be granted to each applicant.

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted with the amendment that Paul Wolpert be granted an additional $50.00.

A recess was declared for five minutes, following which Dr. H. H. Bagger spoke on "Milestones, Missions, and Men."

Adjournment followed a prayer by Harry R. Allen.

FIFTH SESSION

Sacramento, California, April 30, 1942 - 2:45 P.M.

The devotional was conducted by the Chaplain on the theme, "His Delivery" based on Acts 17-22-31.

The Minutes of the 4th session were approved as read.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Council, with time limits set, was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Mr. William Capel of St. Mark's, San Francisco, for lay-member of the Home Mission Committee.

The Secretary presented:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All deeds, documents, papers, bonds, and notes have been safely deposited in a safe deposit box in the Bank of America, Oakland, California, except for the notes held by the Committee on Ministerial Education from students for the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE F. CROUSER, Secretary

The report was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer as Trustees of Synod.

Earnest A. Trabert presented:

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE

A shrewd observer stated that the best Committee was constituted of three members, with two of them unable to function. While this is not the complete fact in regard to your Foreign Mission Committee, the fact remains that due to the peculiar demands made by situations which confronted us in this work, most of the activities of the Committee devolved upon the Chairman. This was also partly due to the fact that he is also the official representative of the Board of Foreign Missions for the ports of San Francisco and Los Angeles, indeed for the entire West Coast. As such he makes reports of his activities to the Board.

During the past year many missionaries returned from their posts in the orient. All of our missionaries have been evacuated from Japan except three, who are now interned. Our missionaries in China were authorized to return home but decided to remain. It is assumed that they too have been interned, although no word has come from them for several months. What will happen in India, and the effect it will have on our work there cannot be known. Within the past thirty days not less than twelve, including children, have safely arrived in America, one family landing in New York, and the others in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Aid was given the latter in securing transportation eastward.

The Chairman of the Committee was enabled to secure financial aid for several upon their return, and was involved in a rather large expense which was provided for by the Board of Foreign Missions. One small item was paid by the Treasurer of Synod, for it was an emergency which demanded attention.

Early in the year 1941 the Chairman of the Committee secured films of our work in India. Assisted by the Rev. J. George Dorn, and the President of the Southern Conference, these films were shown throughout the Southern Conference and your Chairman arranged for their presentation in the North. Over twenty of our congregations viewed these films. Later on films of our work in Africa were secured which have been shown in a few of the congregations in the south. They are now in the hands of the Chairman who will seek opportunity to have them shown in the north.

Announcements of the Centennial of our work in India were issued, and an appeal for a generous Anniversary Offering was made. This was followed up by a second appeal. We have no means of knowing the final results, but rejoice that most of our congregations presented this appeal. It is to be regretted that there were a few who failed to respond.

There were other occasions when your Chairman communicated with the pastors of the Synod concerning this basic work of the church, and he was privileged to deliver several addresses concerning it. As the major part of the expense of the chairman has been met by the Board of Foreign Missions,

there remains but a small amount due him which includes transportation for films of $2.40, and postage of $3.24, making a total of $5.64.

The request is made that not less than fifteen minutes be granted for a more detailed statement as to the status of the Foreign Mission work of our Church immediately following this report.

Respectfully submitted,
THE FOREIGN MISSION COMM.

The report was adopted.

Harry R. Allen presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

It is with deep gratitude that the reports of our congregations reveal increases in most of the work of our Synod. Twenty of our congregations met their apportionment in full, which is the largest number to do so for many years. We also rejoice that our Synod has met 83% of its apportionment and indications reveal that this year we will be able to do even better.

We also note with joy that Synod gained 631 confirmed members and 371 communing members. However, whatever progress we have made it seems strange that in thirteen congregations, 36% of our congregations in our Synod, less than one half of their confirmed members received Communion during the year.

The real strength of the congregation is in its communing members and when a congregation has only one half of its members coming to the Lord's Supper, either the confirmed membership roll should be revised or more emphasis laid on the value of Holy Communion.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

The tellers announced the election of Albert B. Schwertz as a member of the Home Mission Committee.

Nominations were received from the two Conferences of Synod for delegates to the U. L. C. A. Convention in Louisville, Ky., this October. The Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for the delegates in the following order:

Clerical:

Primary—James P. Beasom, Jr., Guy L. Hudson, J. Edward Oslund, Clarence F. Crouser.

Secondary—Harry R. Allen, D. Edward Wright, Robert S. Romeis, Henry W. Opperman.

Lay:

Primary—F. C. Noel, Clarence Derr, William B. Scheehl, William F. Bening.

Secondary—E. L. Konow, Edward Hahn, George Kohl, William Capel.

The Secretary presented:

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIUM

The annual meeting of the Ministerium was held on April 30, 1942, being called to order at 1:30 P.M., by President Derr.

The Presidents of the two Conferences of Synod reported on pastors without charges.

The Ministerium recommended that instruction be given the Executive Committee to visit the Pastor and Church Councils of Churches failing to assume their obligations to the Synod and the United Lutheran Church in America.

The Examining Committee presented its report. "We recommend to the Executive Committee that they give their unanimous approval to the ordination of Dr. John B. Nield without spending at least one year in a Seminary of the United Lutheran Church in America,—thus conforming with the requirement of the Constitution of the Synod Art. VII, Sect. II, Sub Section 2, which states, "In the event that he comes from another ecclesiastical body, or has pursued his theological course in the Seminary of another body, he shall spend at least one year at a seminary of the United Lutheran Church in America. No exception shall be made to this rule save by the unanimous recommendation of the Executive Committee."

The recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee.

Second: Art. VII, Sect. II, Sub Section 3 reads as follows:—'The candidate shall exhibit to the Examining Committee satisfactory evidence that he has received a regular call from a congregation, the Synod, or a Church Board to a specific field of labor and that he has accepted the same upon the condition of his approval by the Synod.' The candidate has not received such a call as indicated by this Article, we therefore recommend his ordination only upon satisfactory evidence of the receipt of such a call."

This recommendation was changed by the Executive Committee to read as follows: 'We therefore recommend that he be not ordained until such time as he has complied with the requirements of the Constitution Article VII, Sect. II, Sub Section 3."

The Ministerium approved the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

The application of the Rev. Benjamin L. Westenbarger for membership in Synod was approved and his name was added to the Roll of Synod.

The question of the election of retired pastors as lay delegates to Synodical Conventions was referred to the Committee on Constitution for study.

The matter of paying the expenses of lay delegates to Synodical Conventions on the same basis as that of the clergy was referred to the Executive Committee for study.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE F. CROUSER, Secretary

The report was adopted.

Under unfinished business, the recommendations of the Executive Committee were considered seriatim. Recommendation 1, 2, 3, and 4 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

Franklin A. Swanson presented:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CONFERENCES

Examination of the Minutes of the Northern and Southern Conferences reveal them to be in good order and up to date. There was nothing in them that need be referred to this body. Such items as were referred to the Executive Committee were taken care of.

Results of the election of officers for the coming year are as follows:

Northern Conference:

President—Rev. H. Opperman.
Vice-President—Rev. R. Romeis.

Treasurer—Mr. J. Torvik.
Secretary—Rev. O. Awerkamp.

Southern Conference:
President—Rev. H. Anspach.
Vice-President—Rev. G. L. Hudson.
Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. F. P. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

The invitation of First Church, Glendale, for the 1943 Convention was received and accepted.

William F. Poat presented:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES

Letters from the following absentees were received which, in the opinion of the Committee, were valid reasons for their absence, therefore excused from attendance at Synod—H. J. Weaver, N. N. Harter, Max Geissler, Peter Altpeter, R. W. Mottern, Delmar Dyreson, A. E. Isham, Dr. George Hillerman, J. A. M. Ziegler, A. J. Soldan, C. W. Maggart, J. C. Bitter, D. E. Wright, A. Fieblekorn, W. S. Miller, E. Spirer, W. J. Dentler, F. C. Pryor, W. Brandes, A. Jatho, O. H. Gruver, H. L. Bosserman, J. S. Herold.

The following were excused from further attendance: A. Schreiber, J. R. Broyer, Otto Becker, S. H. Yerian, W. S. Dysinger, J. Titlow, H. R. Allen, F. Swanson, J. P. Beasom, Jr., C. Holand, B. L. Westenbarger, J. E. Oslund.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE,
W. F. Poat
Harry R. Allen

The report was adopted.

Henry W. Opperman presented:

THE REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee begs to report that publicity for the meeting of the Fifty-First Annual Convention of Synod of California held in St. John's Church, Sacramento, consisted of:

Radio announcement over KFBK news at 7 a.m., Tuesday morning.

110 inches of newspaper space in the daily papers, namely, the Sacramento Bee, Union and Shopping news.

Two two column pictures were included in the above.

Sincerely,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Trustee of Synod on the Board of Midland College be our Commissioner at the Denver meeting to determine the policy regarding the establishment of a western seminary. The necessary expenses of such representative to be borne by the California Synod.

Upon motion, the Executive Committee was instructed to study the matter, and to recommend to the Commissioner the sentiment of Synod in regard to such a seminary as projected.

John Edward Hoick presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

In compliance with the action of the last Convention of the U. L. C. A. in Omaha, the constituent Synods were requested to appoint a "Committee on Publication" to serve as a connecting line between the United Lutheran Publication House and the Ministers of Synod.

Accordingly about three months ago the following "Committee on Publication" was appointed—J. E. Hoick, W. E. Crouser and H. R. Allen.

Inasmuch as this method of operation has only recently been inaugurated, our report is comparatively limited.

Four publications have come to the attention of your Committee:

"They Called Him Father" by E. Theodore Bachmann.
"Were You There!" by Paul Zeller Strodach.
"On Wings of Healing" compiled by J. W. Doberstein.
"The Preacher's Doorknob" by L. M. Zimmerman.

Your Committee heartily commends these volumes to the members of Synod and expresses its appreciation for the excellent literary character and the outstanding mechanical skill with which these volumes have been put out by our United Lutheran Publication House.

Your Committee will be pleased to aid in the distribution of the tracts to be issued by our publication house when they are made available.

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

Robert S. Romeis presented:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CIRCULATION OF "THE LUTHERAN"

(Northern Conference)

As chairman of the Northern Conference Committee, I can report some activity, but not very great results. Two letters were addressed to each pastor of the Conference asking their cooperation. Also the matter was presented to the Conference at its meeting in San Francisco. Less than half a dozen pastors responded and these brought results in new subscriptions and renewals. Had all pastors cooperated we surely could have reached our quota and by so much increased our congregations' intelligent efficiency.

The Lutheran is a better church paper now than ever in its long existence. Place it in every family of our congregations is our aim. Make another year's effort to reach this goal is our recommendation.

Sample copies of The Lutheran are available at this meeting of the Synod for your perusal. Take one with you. Subscribe!

Respectfully submitted,
O. H. GRUVER

(Southern Conference)

Your Committee wrote two letters to each congregation urging the importance of the paper in every home. Your committee also talked individually with as many as possible urging the same thought.

The circulation manager of the paper has just written me stating that our quota has reached 77 percent. During the campaign 90 new subscriptions and 6 renewals were received. The circulation manager also informs me that over the entire church this second campaign produced much better results than the first one. This leads the management to continue the present plan for at least another year.

Your committee would therefore recommend: First, that the entire Synod

fall in line most heartily with the campaign during the Fall of 1942. Second, that a committee, or if desired two committees, one for each Conference, be appointed at this session of our Synod to have charge of the campaign as outlined by the management of "The Lutheran".

S. H. YERIAN

The report was adopted.

The Report of the Ministerial Education Committee was reconsidered and, upon motion, the words "In Western Seminary" were stricken from the report insofar as they applied to George Spindt.

Erwin A. Vosseler presented:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolved that we express our deep appreciation for the presence of the Rev. Henry H. Bagger, D.D., of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, member of the Executive Board of U. L. C. A. We have been greatly helped and inspired by his challenging messages. We also note the helpful presence of Professor P. W. H. Frederick, acting Dean of Western Theological Seminary, representing the Seminary and Midland College. We express our appreciation to the Rev. H. I. Kohler, D.D., our Chaplain, for his helpful and practical addresses on "Preachers and Preaching".

2. Resolved that we express our deep appreciation for the friendly hospitality of Pastor and Mrs. Henry W. Opperman, and the members of St. John's congregation as well as the helpful service and inspiring music furnished by the organist and choir. (Pastor loci is requested to read this resolution at public worship next Sunday.)

3. Resolved that we express our appreciation to the local press and radio station KFBK for the splendid publicity given the Synodical Convention.

4. Resolved that our people be encouraged to deepen their intercessory life. In a world torn by hatred and conflicting loyalties we must continually preach and practice the Gospels of conciliation and good will and understanding.

5. Resolved that we extend our Christian sympathy to the bereaved families of Mrs. A. L. Gehrcke, and the Rev. James J. Chambers.

6. Resolved that we express our sincere affection and deep gratitude to our retiring President, the Rev. William H. Derr, D.D., for his gracious and devoted service to the church.

7. Resolved that the California Synod urge the Committee on "The Ministry of Christian Tracts", to prepare appropriate material to challenge the non-churched.

8. Resolved that the Synod of California felicitate The Women's Missionary Society upon the record of their fifty years' work and upon the splendid program provided in commemoration of that event.

9. Resolved that the Secretary of the Synod be directed to write a letter of sympathy and affection for the aged and infirm members of the Synod, whose presence was missed.

10. Resolved that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to write to our pastors now serving as Chaplains, informing them that we greatly missed them at our Synod sessions and assuring them that we will continue to remember them and to pray for them and for our young people in armed service.

11. REALIZING: both the need and the urgency for a speeding up of production for the necessary and successful prosecution of the war; and with it the importance of maintaining the very highest physical fitness of all our workers, we feel there is grave danger in neglecting or interfering with the spiritual side of life, and also realizing the tendency on the part of

various lesser officials to schedule meetings or drills during the hours of worship so vital to the spiritual defense of our nation, therefore be it resolved that we urgently request and urge those in authority—The President of the United States; The Governor of this State and The Mayors of our cities and all in authority to guard against the neglect and invasion of the recognized hours of worship on the Lord's Day and that the widest possible publicity be given to this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was received and the recommendations considered seriatim. Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 were adopted.

At 4:15 P.M., Dr. Henry H. Bagger spoke on the theme "A Basket of Perennials".

President William H. Derr inducted President-elect James P. Beasom, Jr., into office as President of Synod. The newly-installed President installed the other officers of Synod.

President Beasom then closed the Fifty-First Annual Convention of Synod with the prescribed form.

The Synodical Banquet was served in the Elk's Temple on Thursday evening. Mr. W. F. Bening served as toastmaster and Mr. F. Melvyn Lawson, principal of the Sacramento High School, spoke.

APPENDIX A—TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONGREGATIONS—Northern Conference

Congregation & Location	Apportionment paid	Percent	L. W. A.	S. M. W.	Midland College	Other	TOTAL
Berkeley, St. Michael's	$ 630.00	105.	$ 8.00	$ 52.00	$	$ 60.00	$ 750.00
Fresno, First	373.60	105.5		4.00			377.60
Fresno, St. Paul's	250.00	32.5		10.00	30.00		290.00
Fresno, Wartburg	100.00	111.					100.00
Oakland, First	329.90	76.4	7.15				337.05
Oakland, St. John's	98.38	56.5					98.38
Richmond, Grace	282.00	100.		25.00			307.00
Sacramento, First	277.00	88.8	11.25				288.25
Sacramento, St. John's	891.00	102.4	129.25	55.65		50.00	1,125.90
San Francisco, First	50.00	26.9	50.00				100.00
San Francisco, St. Mark's	475.21	73.3	38.90				514.11
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	162.00	100.			10.00	10.00	182.00
San Francisco, Temple	182.00	101.					182.00
Sanger, St. Paul's	0.00	0					*0.00
San Jose, Bethel	0.00	0		5.00		84.50	89.50
San Jose, Grace	258.00	62.3		10.00			268.00
TOTAL—Northern Conference	$ 4,359.09		$ 244.55	$161.65	$ 40.00	$204.50	$ 5,009.79

* $72.50 was received too late to be included in the audited report.

APPENDIX B—TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONGREGATIONS—Southern Conference

Congregation & Location	Apportionment paid	Percent	L. W. A.	S. M. W.	Midland College	Other	TOTAL
Alhambra, Grace	$ 630.00	100.	$	$ 21.45	$	$	$ 651.45
Beverly Hills, Community	444.00	100.		7.00			451.00
Gardena, St. John's	237.15	101.					237.15
Glendale, First	1,071.02	101.4	55.00	75.00	210.00		1,411.02
Hollywood, Hollywood	739.00	56.2	1.50	47.00	16.00	22.00	825.50
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	653.00	77.7		21.40			674.40
Inglewood, Holy Trinity	150.00	138.9		11.00		10.00	171.00
Long Beach, Trinity	600.00	69.4					600.00
Los Angeles, Bethany	313.69	63.	31.14	24.00			368.83
Los Angeles, First	768.00	100.	50.00	31.50	25.00		874.50
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	360.00	100.		9.10		3.00	372.10
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	191.18	88.5				25.00	216.18
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	342.00	100.	58.00	23.00		30.00	453.00
Pasadena, Trinity	738.00	100.	46.00	45.14	21.06	21.44	871.64
Phoenix, Grace	1,026.00	100.	50.00	50.80		50.00	1,176.80
Redland, First	137.36	78.9		15.00			152.36
Riverside, Trinity	312.00	100.					312.00
San Bernardino, First	252.23	63.7		3.40		1.88	257.51
San Diego, First	456.00	100.		8.00			464.00
Santa Barbara, Grace	95.25	63.5		5.00		11.00	111.25
Santa Monica. St. Paul's	514.49	115.9		9.20			523.69
Westwood, Village	0.00	0					0.00
TOTAL—Southern Conference	$10,030.37		$ 291.64	$406.99	$272.06	$174.32	$11,175.33
Northern Conference	4,359.09		244.55	161.65	40.00	204.50	5,009.79
GRAND TOTAL	$14,389.46	83.76	$ 536.19	$568.64	$312.06	$378.82	$16,185.17

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

(For the Year Beginning July 1, 1942)

Apportionment rate $3.60 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm Members	Per Month	Total
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Alcatraz and Benvenue	191	$ 57.00	$ 684.00
Fresno	First	Ferger and Thomas	120	36.00	432.00
Fresno	St. Paul's	California and Lotus	126	38.00	456.00
Fresno	Wartburg	561 "D" Street	35	11.00	132.00
Oakland	First	16th and Grove	100	30.00	360.00
Oakland	St. John's	55th Ave. and Edgerley	61	18.00	216.00
Richmond	Grace	Barrett and 13th	99	30.00	360.00
Sacramento	First	4th Avenue at 39th Street	100	30.00	360.00
Sacramento	St. John's	17th and "L" Streets	286	86.00	1032.00
San Francisco	First	1360 Geary	64	19.00	228.00
San Francisco	St. Mark's	1135 O'Farrell	204	61.00	732.00
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	3281 - 16th Street	63	19.00	228.00
San Francisco	Temple	15 Latona Street	54	16.00	192.00
Sanger	St. Paul's	1122 "N" Street	30	9.00	108.00
San Jose	Bethel	215 Delmas Ave.	52	16.00	192.00
San Jose	Grace	Julian and Second	110	33.00	396.00
TOTALS NORTHERN CONFERENCE			1695	$ 509.00	$ 6108.00

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

(For the Year Beginning July 1, 1942)

Apportionment rate $3.60 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Alhambra	Grace	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	212	$ 64.00	$ 768.00
Beverly Hills	Community	100 N. Doheny Drive	141	42.00	504.00
Gardena	St. John's	1102 Budlong	69	21.00	252.00
Glendale	First	233 S. Kenwood St.	400	120.00	1440.00
Hollywood	Hollywood	1733 N. New Hampshire	507	152.00	1824.00
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	2721 E. Florence Ave.	236	71.00	852.00
Inglewood	Holy Trinity	3443 W. Manchester Blvd.	87	26.00	292.00
Long Beach	Trinity	8th Street and Linden Avenue	246	74.00	888.00
Los Angeles	Bethany	7011 S. San Pedro Street	125	38.00	456.00
Los Angeles	First	W. 6th at Shatto Place	270	81.00	972.00
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1122 W. 36th Place	104	31.00	372.00
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	Euclid Avenue and Eagle Street	56	17.00	204.00
North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	145	44.00	528.00
Pasadena	Trinity	Walnut Street at Catalina	262	79.00	948.00
Phoenix	Grace	3rd Street and Moreland	365	110.00	1320.00
Redlands	First	E. Olive and Myrtle	64	19.00	228.00
Riverside	Trinity	9th and Walnut	73	22.00	264.00
San Bernardino	First	631 "G" Street	121	36.00	432.00
San Diego	First	1320 Second Avenue	145	44.00	528.00
Santa Barbara	Grace	1109 Anacapa	50	15.00	180.00
Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Lincoln and Washington	170	51.00	612.00
Westwood	Village	Wilshire and Veteran	72	22.00	264.00
TOTALS SOUTHERN CONFERENCE			3920	$1179.00	$14128.00
TOTALS BOTH CONFERENCES			5615	$1688.00	$20236.00

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

For the Calendar Year End

Index No.	Pastoral Charge	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geographical Location
1	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	Alcatraz and Benvenue
2	Fresno	First	1917	Ferger and Thomas Aves.
3	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	California and Lotus
4	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	561 "D" Street
5	Oakland	First	1890	16th and Grove
6	Oakland	St. John's	1921	55th Ave. and Edgerley
7	Richmond	Grace	1924	Barrett and 13th
8	Sacramento	First	1890	4th Ave. at 39th St.
9	Sacramento	St. John's	1867	17th and "L" Sts.
10	San Francisco	First	1886	1360 Geary
11	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell
12	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1895	3281 - 16th St.
13	San Francisco	Temple	1916	15 Latona St.
14	Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1122 "N" St.
15	San Jose	Bethel	1899	215 Delmas Ave.
16	San Jose	Grace	1892	Julian and Second
	1941 Totals			
	1940 Totals			
	Increase			
	Decrease			

* POPULATIONS: a—over 100,000; b—25,000 to 100,000; c—10,000 to 25,000;

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1941

Index No.	Pastoral Charge	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geographical Location		Pastor	Language Used	Membership		
								Baptized	Confirmed	Comm.
17	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	*b	D. Edward Wright	Eng.	509	296	212
18	Beverly Hills	Community	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive	*b	Guy L. Hudson	Eng.	309	233	141
19	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 Budlong	*d	G. Herbert Hillerman	Eng.	158	89	69
20	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St.	*a	James P. Beasom, Jr.	Eng.	1,034	802	400
21	Hollywood	Hollywood	1921	1733 N. New Hampshire Ave.	*a	J. George Dorn, D.D.	Eng.	1,342	896	507
22	Huntington Pk	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave.	*b	Herbert J. Weaver, D.D.	Eng.	600	375	236
23	Inglewood	Holy Trinity	1941	3443 Manchester Blvd.	*b	Franklin A. Swanson	Eng.	171	124	87
24	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	Eighth St. and Linden Ave.	*b	Daniel J. Snyder, D.D.	Eng.	505	346	246
25	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro St.	*a	H. I. Kohler, D.D., S.T.D., Th. D.	Eng.	475	288	125
26	Los Angeles	First	1887	W. 6th at Shatto Place	*a	Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.	Eng.	537	457	270
27	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place	*a	John Edward Hoick, D.D.	Eng.	255	202	104
28	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1914	Euclid Ave. and Eagle St.	*a	F. P. Smith	Eng.	204	124	56
29	N. Hollywood	St. Matthew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	*b	Edward N. Spirer	Eng.	396	276	145
30	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	Walnut St. at Catalina Ave.	*a	Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Eng.	484	400	262
31	Phoenix	Grace	1914	3rd St. and Moreland	*a	Harry R. Allen	Eng.	667	452	365
32	Redlands	First	1901	E. Olive and Myrtle	*c	W. C. Miller, S.T.M.	Eng.	92	64	64
33	Riverside	Trinity	1894	9th and Walnut	*b	W. F. Poat, LL.D.	Eng.	220	116	73
34	San Ber'dino	First	1909	631 "G" Street	*b	H. Paul Romeis	Eng.	356	236	121
35	San Diego	First	1888	1320 Second Ave.	*a	Erwin A. Vosseler	Eng.	388	245	145
36	Santa Barbara	Grace	1904	1109 Anacapa	*b	Vacant	Eng.	79	56	50
37	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	Lincoln Blvd. at Washington Ave.	*b	Clifford B. Holand	Eng.	256	185	170
38	Westwood	Village	1937	Wilshire and Veteran	*c	A. J. Soldan, D.D.	Eng.	170	125	72
	1941 Totals							9,207	6,387	3,920
	1940 Totals							8,528	5,856	3,549
	Increase							679	531	371
	Decrease									

GENERAL SUMMARY

Northern Conference	5,326	3,387	1,695
Southern Conference	9,207	6,387	3,920
Grand Total - 1941	14,533	9,774	5,650
Grand Total - 1940	13,689	9,143	5,252
Increase	844	631	363
Decrease			

* POPULATIONS: a—over 100,000; b—25,000 to 100,000; c—10,000 to 5,000; d—2,500 to 10,000.

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Index Number	MEMBERSHIP																								EDUCATION																	Group Organizations							
	Child Members									Adult Members															Parish												Higher Stud.												
	Access.			Losses						Accessions					Losses										Sunday Schools					W.D. Sch.			C. of Ch.																	
	By Baptism	By Certificate	Total	Trans. by Confirm.	By Death	Otherwise	Total	I. Net Gain	I. Net Loss	By Baptism	By Confirmation	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	By Death	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	II. Net Gain	II. Net Loss	III. Total Net Gain	III. Total Net Loss	Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Pupils	No. of Groups	Leaders	Pupils	No. Catechumens	In Luth. Seminaries	In Luth. Motherhouses	In Other Luth. Inst.	In Non-Luth. Inst.	No. Men's	No. Members	No. Women's	No. Members	No. Mixed	No. Members	No. Young People's	No. Members
1	11	21	32	7	2	4	13	19			7	9	9	25	2	2	12	16	9		28		1	16	70		15				1	3	30	7				15	1	50	4	95	1	20	1	12
2	6	6	12	3		3	6	6		5	5	10	7	27	1	3	1	5	22		28		1	16	120		19							16			1				2	46			1	10
3	22	8	30	23	1		24	6			23	28		51	2	10	15	27	24		30		1	10	95									22				6	1	25	2	124			1	29
4	8	4	12	10			10	2		2	10	6		18	4		2	6	12		14		1	6	40									10							1	40			1	30
5	5	2	7			3	3	4				5		5	1		2	3	2		6		1	8	52		4							5	1			5			4	96			1	10
6	8	12	20	5			5	15		2	7		19	28					28		43		1	10	68		11							7				3	1	16	2	40			1	20
7	13		13	3			3	10		2	3	13	22	40	1			1	39		49		1	10	74									3					1	18	3	67			1	21
8	16	10	26	5		9	14	12		2	5	6	4	17		3		3	14		26		1	15	116		43				1	3	31	9				16			3	47			2	22
9	15	22	37	3		10	13	24		5	11	17	13	46	6	5	10	21	25		49		1	12	120		24							15				18	1	40	3	98	1	30	1	46
10	6		6	2			2	4		2	1	2	3	8		1	3	4	4		8		1	3	10									4				4	1	10	1	13			1	7
11	15		15	3			3	12			8	3	2	13	4	3		7	6		18		1	11	70		25							6				4	1	30	2	91	1	28	1	12
12	9	13	22	4		6	10	12			4		5	9	3			3	6		18		1	6	59									55				6	1	18	2	60	2	34	1	18
13	17	1	18			19	19		1	1	2		10	13	3	1	8	12	1				1	7	85									36							1	19			1	9
14		3	3					3				7		7	2		127	129		122		119	1	5	42									10							1	32			1	18
15	14		14	3	6	63	72		58		3		20	23	6			6	17			41	1	1	34		5	1	6	28				6										2	28		
16	15	16	31	8		28	36		5	2	8	10	6	26	3	2	8	13	13		8		1	12	80		25							10	1			9	1	24	3	44			1	20
tals - 1941	180	118	298	79	9	145	233	129	64	23	97	116	120	356	38	30	188	256	222	122	325	160	16	148	1135		171	1	6	28	2	6	61	221	2		1	86	9	231	34	912	7	140	16	284
tals - 1940	154	90	244	92	5	136	233	69	58	11	106	82	75	274	40	23	63	126	148		173	14	16	162	1194	6	189	2	5	41	2	5	55	226	2		2	110	7	197	35	938	3	82	18	315
crease	26	28	54		4	9		60	6	12		34	45	82		7	125	130	74	122	152	146							1			1	6						2	34			4	58		
crease				13							9				2									14	59	6	18	1		13				5			1	24			1	26			2	31

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Index Number	MEMBERSHIP: Child Members: Access.: By Baptism	By Certificate	Total	Losses: Trans. by Confirm.	By Death	Otherwise	Total	I. Net Gain	I. Net Loss	Adult Members: Accessions: By Baptism	By Confirmation	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	Losses: By Death	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	II. Net Gain	II. Net Loss	III. Total Net Gain	III. Total Net Loss
17	17		17					17		1	4	7	9	21	6	4		10	11		28	
18	5	6	11					11			5	3	8	16	2			2	14		25	
19	7		7			2	2	5									3	3		3	2	
20	35	6	41	25		7	32	9		9	53	84	30	176	7	11	30	48	128		137	
21	34	8	42	11		4	15	27		4	23	50	13	90	4	23	53	80	10		37	
22	19	2	21	4		2	6	15		3	8	7	7	25	2	1	4	7	18		33	
23	19	28	47					47		8	21	83	16	128	2	2		4	124		171	
24	10	2	12	4		3	7	5		1	5	2	13	21	1	17	12	30		9		4
25	8	10	18	6		4	10	8		7	6	6	6	25	1	4	50	55		30		22
26	21		21	6			6	15		7	13	106	25	151	9	21	98	128	23		38	
27	7	4	11	6		2	8	3			6		1	7		1	4	5	2		5	
28	9		9	1			1	8			3	3		6	1	3		4	2		10	
29	9	7	16	6			6	10		5	13	5	26	49	2			2	47		57	
30	7		7	4			4	3		2	5	19	19	45	4	5	70	79		34		31
31	19	37	56	23		10	33	23		3	23	20	30	76	1	10	33	44	32		55	
32	3		3	5		7	12		9		7	5		12					12		3	
33	3		3					3		1			2	3	1	2	3	6		3		
34	20	4	24	3		26	29		5	4	3	10	6	23	1	3		4	19		14	
35	11	6	17	3		102	105		88	2	1	21	5	29	2	10		12	17			71
36	1		1	9		1	10		9		9			9	1		2	3	6			3
37	6	16	22	7		10	17	5		6	7	16	16	45	2	5	18	25	20		25	
38	7	39	46			1	1	45		15		2	112	129	4			4	125		170	
Totals - 1941	277	175	452	123		181	304	259	111	78	215	449	344	1086	53	122	380	555	610	79	810	131
Totals - 1940	229	150	379	89	4	107	200	207	28	45	188	296	202	731	59	132	228	419	326	14	510	19
Increase	48	25	73	34		74	104	52	83	33	27	153	142	355			152	136	284	65	300	112
Decrease					4										6	10						

Index Number	EDUCATION: Parish: Sunday Schools: Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	W.D. Sch.: Number	Teachers	Pupils	C. of Ch.: No. of Groups	Leaders	Pupils	No. Catechumens	Higher Stud.: In Luth. Seminaries	In Luth. Motherhouses	In Other Luth. Inst.	In Non-Luth. Inst.	Group Organizations: No. Men's	No. Members	No. Women's	No. Members	No. Mixed	No. Members	No. Young People's	No. Members
17	1	20	156		31				1	3	20	4				9	1	15	3	95	1	30	2	4
18	1	12	126									10				3	1	20	1	18	1	18	2	2
19	1	12	100														1	23	2	18				
20	1	41	421	52	39	1	7	175				78			2	29	1	100	5	300	1	50	3	10
21	1	65	500		100				1	3	45	50				35	1	80	5	200	3	110	11	19
22	1	25	148	14	24				1	5	34	15				12			2	64			3	8
23	1	7	131									26				11	1	22	1	27			1	2
24	1	24	160		28							13				4			2	89			2	2
25	1	8	200	10	25				1	2	25	10					1	15	3	35			2	3
26	1	24	125													2	1	60	4	128	1	18	1	2
27	1	10	65		8							6							2	30	1	15	1	1
28	1	6	47									3					1	12	2	37			1	2
29	1	30	250		3				1	1	25	21	1			1	1	30	4	75	1	15	3	7
30	1	20	217	10		1	10	58	1	2	23	14				15	1	35	2	84			1	2
31	1	30	297	12	30				1	4	15	27				14	1	42	5	119			1	2
32	1	5	33		4							7					1	13	3	30				
33	1	6	37									6							3	63				
34	1	15	130		17							25		1		12			2	75			2	2
35	1	20	120	25	36							14				4			3	74			2	2
36	1	4	30																2	8				
37	1	15	150		12							4				6	1	10	2	60			2	3
38	1	6	35						1	1	10	6				8			2	30	1	12	1	1
Totals - 1941	22	405	3478	123	357	2	17	233	8	21	197	339	1	1	2	165	14	477	60	1649	10	268	41	81
Totals - 1940	22	396	3321	98	297	2	18	101	19	34	255	316		1	2	166	13	610	61	1666	10	321	34	74
Increase		9	157	25	60			132				23	1				1						7	7
Decrease							1		11	13	58					1		133	1	17		53		

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Totals - N.C.	180	118	298	79	9	145	233	129	64	23	97	116	120	356	38	30	188	256	222	122	325	160	16	148	1135		171	1	6	28	2	6	61	221	2		1	86	9	231	34	912	7	140	16	28
Totals - S.C.	277	175	452	123		181	304	259	111	78	215	449	344	1086	53	122	380	555	610	79	810	131	22	405	3478	123	357	2	17	233	8	21	197	339	1	1	2	165	14	477	60	1649	10	268	41	81
G. Total 1941	457	293	750	202	9	326	537	388	175	101	312	565	466	1442	91	152	568	811	832	201	1135	291	38	553	4613	123	528	3	23	261	10	27	258	560	3	1	3	251	23	708	94	2561	17	408	57	109
G. Total 1940	383	240	623	181	9	243	433	276	86	56	294	378	277	1005	99	155	291	545	474	14	683	33	38	558	4515	104	486	4	23	142	21	39	310	542	2	1	4	276	20	807	96	2604	14	403	52	106
Increase	74	53	127	21		83	104	112	89	45	18	187	187	437			277	266	358	187	452	258			98	19	42			119				18	1				3				3	5	5	3
Decrease															8	3								5				1			11	12	52				1	25		99	2	43				

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	FINANCIAL																			
	Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Expenses			Congregational Benevolence									
											Unapportioned						Apportioned			
Index Number	Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amt. Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
1	12,500	5,500	5,000			23,000	4,900	3,594	519	4,113		10		50	474	534	600	630	1,164	5,277
2	10,000		3,500		315	13,815	3,000	2,871	2,479	5,350		66		4	6	76	354	374	450	5,800
3	5,000	4,000	4,300			13,300	2,875	2,922	1,423	4,345	30			10	50	90	768	250	340	4,685
4	7,000					7,000		1,535	175	1,710					10	10	90	100	110	1,820
5	10,000		2,500			12,500	1,510	3,387	1,018	4,405				7	190	197	432	330	527	4,932
6	8,000					8,000	2,500	987	790	1,777					120	120	168	98	218	1,995
7	16,450	2,100				18,550	6,450	1,659	2,031	3,690			25			25	282	282	307	3,997
8	26,000					26,000		2,761		2,761		27			121	148	312	277	425	3,186
9	85,000	4,000		500		89,500		6,209	506	6,715		50		404	205	659	870	891	1,550	8,265
10	45,000					45,000		2,568		2,568		101			50	151	176	50	201	2,769
11	100,000			60,000	10,000	170,000		6,840	1,279	8,119	5	106	17	20	50	198	648	475	673	8,792
12	35,000					35,000	1,900	3,461		3,461	10	10				20	162	162	182	3,643
13	7,000	5,000			103	12,103	1,855	1,429	412	1,841							180	182	182	2,023
14	4,000	2,000				6,000		1,008	132	1,140				4		4	114		4	1,144
15	4,500					4,500		905		905		58	48		108	214	90		214	1,119
16	35,000	3,000				38,000	2,983	1,911	449	2,360				23	130	153	396	258	411	2,771
Totals - 1941	410,450	25,600	15,300	60,500	10,418	522,268	27,973	44,047	11,213	55,260	45	428	90	522	1,514	2,599	5,642	4,359	6,958	62,218
Totals - 1940	407,950	25,600	9,300	60,000	13,884	516,734	30,289	45,468	8,857	54,325	80	429	137	315	1,355	2,316	5,418	4,407	6,723	61,048
Increase	2,500		6,000	500		5,534			2,356	935				207	159	283	224		235	1,170
Decrease					3,466		2,316	1,421			35	1	47					48		

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Index Number	FINANCIAL																			
	Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Expenses			Congregational Benevolence									
											Unapportioned						Apportioned			
	Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amt. Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
17	25,000				2,000	27,000	4,622	3,916	1,073	4,989		48			460	508	630	630	1,138	6,127
18	12,000				1,800	13,800		3,140	754	3,894		228	61	7		296	444	444	740	4,634
19	15,000					15,000	2,400	1,543		1,543							234	237	237	1,780
20	25,500		4,500		300	30,300	450	9,209	6,613	15,822	285		703	100	362	1,450	1,056	1,071	2,521	18,343
21	70,000		7,500		5,000	82,500	7,210	9,742	3,460	13,202	85	133	97	175	488	978	1,314	739	1,717	14,919
22	10,000		500		5,861	16,361		2,840	191	3,031	9	60	100	141	321	631	840	653	1,284	4,315
23					1,141	1,141		778	1,133	1,911				10	11	21	108	150	171	2,082
24	60,000				2,000	62,000	8,122	4,100	1,967	6,067		151	49	50		250	864	600	850	6,917
25	15,000					15,000	4,000	2,377	353	2,730		52		49	125	226	498	313	539	3,269
26	86,711					86,711	350	9,228	1,226	10,454		100	620		133	853	768	768	1,621	12,075
27	40,000					40,000		2,067	72	2,139		189	25	37	24	275	360	360	635	2,774
28	12,000					12,000	2,875	1,570	2,477	4,047		10	35		49	94	216	192	286	4,333
29	30,200					30,200		3,900	560	4,460	20	40		50	327	437	342	342	779	5,239
30	55,500					55,500	19,753	5,760	1,687	7,447	26	129	24	162	227	568	738	738	1,306	8,753
31	39,300	6,000		750		46,050	21,385	6,106	3,293	9,399		203		50	80	333	1,026	1,026	1,359	10,758
32	10,000	1,800				11,800		1,863	44	1,907			20	15	30	65	174	137	202	2,104
33	10,000	2,500	4,500			17,000		1,814	126	1,940					198	198	312	312	510	2,450
34	6,000					6,000	1,500	2,820	327	3,147		54	2	3		59	396	253	312	3,459
35	15,000					15,000	3,100	3,496	2,361	5,857	18	100	144	8	106	376	456	456	832	6,689
36	10,000	2,000				12,000		725	18	743					11	11	150	95	106	849
37	42,500		15,000			57,500	51,150	4,868	1,893	6,761			198		10	208	444	514	722	7,483
38								4,000		4,000							102			4,000
Totals - 1941	589,711	12,300	32,000	750	18,102	652,863	126,917	85,862	29,628	115,490	443	1,497	2,078	857	2,962	7,837	11,472	10,030	17,867	133,357
Totals - 1940	614,411	8,500	34,500		15,482	672,893	145,716	73,919	24,791	98,710	438	2,758	422	919	2,988	7,525	10,638	9,155	16,680	115.390
Increase		3,800		750	2,620			11,943	4,837	16,780	5		1,656			312	834	875	1,187	17,967
Decrease	24,700		2,500			20,030	18,799					1,261		62	26					
GENERAL SUMMARY																				
Tot. - N. Conf.	410,450	25,600	15,300	60,500	10,418	522,268	27,973	44,047	11,213	55,260	45	428	90	522	1,514	2,599	5,642	4,359	6,958	62,218
Tot. - S. Conf.	589,711	12,300	32,000	750	18,102	652,863	126,917	85,862	29,628	115,490	443	1,497	2,178	857	2,962	7,837	11,472	10,030	17,867	133,357
G. Totals - 1941	1,000,161	37,900	47,300	61,250	28,520	1,175,131	154,890	129,909	40,841	170,750	488	1,925	2,168	1,379	4,476	10,436	17,114	14,389	24,825	195,575
G. Totals - 1940	1,022,361	34,100	43,800	60,000	29,366	1,189,627	176,005	119,387	33,648	153,035	518	3,187	559	1,234	4,343	9,841	16,056	13,562	23,403	176,438
Increase		3,800	3,500	1,250				10,522	7,193	17,715			1,609	145	133	595	1,058	827	1,422	19.137
Decrease	22,200				846	14,496	21,115				30	1,262								

50th Anniversary

The Women's Missionary Society

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA OF THE
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year.
It shall be a jubilee unto you."
Lev. 25:10.

St. John's, Sacramento

April 28 - 30, 1942

Honoring Our Past Presidents

OF SYNODICAL W. M. S.

ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. S. E. Bittle-Myers	1892-1894
Mrs. C. W. Maggart	1894-1895
Mrs. W. S. Hoskinson	1895-1896; 1898-1899
Mrs. John Everding	1896-1898
Mrs. R. H. Young	1899-1900
Mrs. William Kelly	1900-1903
Mrs. J. E. Hoick	1903-1908; 1933-1935
Mrs. G. H. Hillerman	1908-1909; 1913-1917 1927-1929
Mrs. J. W. Ball	1909-1912; 1929-1931
Mrs. H. M. Leach	1912-1913
Mrs. D. J. Snyder	1917-1920
Mrs. H. C. Funk	1920-1922
Mrs. W. E. Crouser	1922-1924
Mrs. H. C. Stafford	1924-1927
Mrs. E. A. Trabert	1931-1933; 1935-1937
Mrs. E. K. Frey	1937-1940
Mrs. P. J. Kramer	1940-

Jubilee Song

Grace Hoick — Tune—Webb, 1837

Hail, golden memories radiant!
Past eras have been filled
With daughters' toil triumphant
The King's highway to build
For years of service granted,
Accept, Lord, praise to Thee,
We greet with hearts uplifted
The year of jubilee!

Hail, golden moments fleeting!
Enriched with tasks today,
When greater throngs are pressing
Upon the King's highway
True daughters' hopes are granted
For grace and power from Thee,
We greet with hearts uplifted
The year of jubilee!

Hail, golden dawn unfolding!
When we envisioned see,
Vast multitudes e'er gathering
In praise, O Christ, to Thee;
With daughters' prayers all granted
For souls from sin set free,
We'll greet with hearts enraptured
The crowning jubilee!

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North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)—Mrs. Wm. Staudring 3rd, 10536 Bloomfield St.

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The Fiftieth Annual Convention

of the

Women's Missionary Society

of the Synod of California

held in the

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sacramento, California

April 28 - 30, 1942

THEME: "GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY"

Tuesday, April 28, 1942 - 7:30 P.M.

It was most inspirational to begin the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration by participating in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, with members of the Synod of California, in the Convention church.

FIRST SESSION

Wednesday, April 29, 1942

The President, Mrs. P. J. Kramer conducted the formal opening of the Convention by the use of the prescribed form. After the singing of the hymn, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go", Miss Rosa Flathman, of Oakland, gave the devotions, "Ruth's Opportunities", Ruth 1:16 as prepared by Mrs. F. C. Pryor of Oakland who could not be present.

Mrs. H. W. Opperman, wife of the pastor loci, graciously welcomed the Convention and introduced the presidents of the two Missionary Societies of St. John's. Greetings were extended by Rev. H. W. Opperman of the local church, who called attention to the Synodical display of "Fifty Years in California" compiled by Dr. O. F. Oehler. Dr. J. E. Hoick congratulated the Women's Missionary Society on reaching its fiftieth year, on behalf of the Synod of California.

Miss Elvira Strunk, missionary on leave from China, gave greetings as they do in China, "Are You in Peace?" and urged us to have the inward peace that will carry us through the dark days ahead.

Of the seventeen presidents who held office during the fifty years, twelve

are living, three of whom, Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Mrs. J. E. Hoick and Mrs. E. A. Trabert were presented to the Convention. Greetings were read or given in person from the President's chair as directed by Mrs. J. E. Hoick. Mrs. E. C. Bentz, and Mrs. John Hjort, treasurers for many years were also introduced.

Mrs. John Hjort responded to these greetings in a few well chosen words.

"The Lord is my Shepherd," by Liddle, was beautifully sung by Mrs. Walter Scott accompanied by Mrs. H. W. Opperman.

Credentials were read by the Secretary for forty delegates, department secretaries and officers. Morningside Missionary Society was received and welcomed as the fiftieth group for our Fiftieth Year.

Rev. J. E. Oslund, supervisor of the San Francisco area of the new King George Service Center and Hotel gave a very fine talk on "Emergency Ministry." He cited many interesting incidents of Christian Service to the men in uniform.

The report of the President with various recommendations was given and referred to the committee on same.

Dr. H. H. Bagger, member of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, was introduced to the Convention.

The following committees were appointed:

President's Report: Mrs. C. S. Izenour, Mrs. Wm. Ironside.

Resolutions: Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Mrs. E. C. Bentz, Mrs. T. L. Telander.

Nominating: Mrs. F. P. Smith, Mrs. E. L. Konow, Mrs. H. W. Opperman, Mrs. Margaret Linebaugh.

Credentials: Mrs. L. D. Swanson.

After singing the hymn "Jesus Calls Us" the offering of $9.82 was consecrated by Dr. J. E. Hoick, who also closed the first session with the Benediction.

Wednesday, April 29, 1:30 P.M.

The singing of the hymn, "O, Master Let Me Walk with Thee", opened the afternoon session. Mrs. J. Edward Oslund of San Francisco gave the devotion on "Esther's Opportunities", Esther 4:14.

Forty-one delegates responded to roll call. Fifteen visitors were present.

Mrs. C. F. Crouser gave a report on the Northern Conference and Mrs. D. E. Wright's report was read on the Southern Conference.

Upon motion it was decided to ask the Statistician, Iva A. Baltzly, Ph. D., to send double cards to each society next year, requesting each president to send in the membership to date, before Convention, of new members received during the year. Her work was highly commended by the President. The societies were urged to be careful in reporting correctly to the Statistician.

Mrs. Phil. Wizeman of Beverly Hills, presented the "Roll Call of Honor and Superior Merit Societies" for Mrs. E. N. Spirer who was unable to be with us. The twenty-one Superior Merit Societies received gold badges and ten Honor Societies pink badges, being gifts of Rev. and Mrs. Spirer.

The Secretary gave a short verbal report. Then followed the Report of the Treasurer and Statistician, which was adopted as read. Then followed an informal discussion about the "Missionary Goal" by delegates.

The rising of the Convention greeted Miss Elvira Strunk as she took the floor to address us on "Among the Rocky Boy Indians in Montana".

The offering of $7.21 was consecrated by Rev. Robert Romeis of Fresno, after the singing of the hymn, "In the Cross of Christ". He also pronounced the Benediction.

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 P.M.

A beautiful Golden Anniversary Service was held in the church auditorium with Mrs. Kramer, presiding. Mrs. J. E. Hoick led devotions taken from Mark 14:3-9 on "Mary's Opportunity". Greetings were read from Mrs. O. A. Sardeson, President, Women's Missionary Society, U. L. C. A. and the Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D., President United Lutheran Church in America. The Rev. W. H. Derr, D.D., President Synod of California extended congratulations. St. Johns' A Cappella Choir under the direction of Peter W. Knowles sang several beautiful numbers. Mrs. R. W. Briare presided at the organ for the singing of the hymns.

The address "With Banners Flying" was given by the Rev. H. H. Bagger, D.D., member of the Executive Board, United Lutheran Church. He suggested three banners, the first Ebenezer, "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us"; the second "Ecclesia Plantanda", "The Church Must Be Planted" and third, "The Word of the Lord Endureth Forever". He urged the women to go forward to the task which lies ahead, not with hate but with love and vision.

The Golden Anniversary offering of $30.48 was consecrated by the Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D. The Jubilee Song composed by Mrs. J. E. Hoick to the tune of "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. H. W. Opperman.

Thursday, April 30, 9:30 A.M.

After the singing of the hymn, "For All the Saints", a beautiful memorial service for the eleven members who entered their Heavenly Home, was conducted by Mrs. E. A. Trabert. Mrs. Margaret Linebaugh read the names of the departed ones.

Following the hymn, "O Worship the King", Mrs. E. L. Konow, of Phoenix, conducted devotions from Luke 1:26-30-35-38 on "Mary's Faith". Mrs. Walter Scott sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord".

Miss Patricia English of First Church, Los Angeles was introduced as a representative of a second society newly organized with six members.

Mrs. C. F. Crouser of Sacramento presented the Department Secretaries in "Fifty Years of Upward Climbing" in which each secretary placed a rung on a wooden ladder built upon a large Bible. She then added Love and Service as arms to form a cross from this ladder.

Dr. A. B. Schwertz, pastor of First Church, Los Angeles addressed the Convention on "India" where he has been a missionary.

Thirty-six delegates and thirteen visitors were present.

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" was sung. The offering was $6.45.

Session closed by prayer and benediction by Dr. Schwertz.

Thursday, April 30, 1:30 P.M.

The hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be" opened the last session.

Devotion: "Women of Tomorrow—Their Opportunity", Gal. 6:10, was given by Mrs. J. P. Beasom of Glendale.

Thirty-eight delegates and thirty-four visitors were present.

Mrs. C. S. Izenour of Hollywood urged the societies to cooperate with pastor and committee in local churches on Children of the Church, although no longer sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society. Arleen Wizeman of Beverly Hills, a product of the "Light Brigade", now the "Children of the Church", gave a beautiful testimonial and prayer.

Mrs. W. E. Crouser stated that there would be no more Mt. Hermon Summer School of Missions. Schools of Missions are to be conducted in various cities to facilitate matters.

Mrs. C. S. Izenour spoke on behalf of the Mission schools in the South.

Rev. S. O. Thorlakkson and Rev. A. C. Knudten, returned missionaries from Japan gave greetings and congratulations.

Upon motion, the President's report was accepted, each recommendation voted on separately and passed by unanimous vote.

Credential and Resolutions reports were adopted.

Voted that all bills be paid.

The Nominating Committee reported the following:

President—Mrs. P. J. Kramer.
Vice-President—Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Jr.
Secretary—Mrs. L. D. Swanson.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Scheehl.
Statistician—Iva A. Baltzly, Ph. D.
Historian—Mrs. O. A. Awerkamp.

Motion was made and carried to accept the Report of the Nominating Committee. The Secretary cast the ballot unanimously electing the officers presented in this report.

Greetings from Mrs. E. N. Spirer, North Hollywood; Mrs. H. R. Allen, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Campbell, Redlands; and Mrs. Dripps of Riverside were read.

Upon motion the Executive Committee, with Mrs. J. E. Hoick, was authorized to take steps to make necessary arrangements to care for the historical books and records of Synodical Women's Missionary Society of California.

A dramatization, "The Harvest of Gold", written and directed by Mrs. H. W. Opperman was presented by the Dorcas Society of St. John's Church.

Motion carried to ratify the action of the Board in the appointment of Mrs. Phil. Wizeman as Patron and Protege Secretary as Mrs. Beasom was elected Vice-President and Mrs. Wm. Ironside as Education Secretary; Mrs. Cook resigning due to illness in the family.

As a Fiftieth Anniversary gift it was voted to give $25.00 to the King George Service Center. Five dollars was given to the Northern Summer School of Missions.

The offering was $9.01.

A rising vote of thanks was given the officers.

Our next Convention is to be held in Glendale.

Mrs. E. A. Trabert installed the officers, followed by the singing of "Blest Be The Tie" and the Missionary Benediction which closed our Fiftieth Anniversary Convention.

(MRS. LOUIS D.) MOLLY J. SWANSON
Recording Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This Convention marks the Fiftieth Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of California Synod. We desire to pay tribute to all our Past Presidents and Officers, who were consecrated missionary-minded women. Through their faithful leadership a firm foundation was laid in California Synodical. The motto chosen for the first meeting in 1892 was the Master's words, "She hath done what she could", and this has been exemplified by our faithful women. The W. M. S. has made a steady growth and the years have brought manifold blessings from God.

Every member of the W. M. S. should read the interesting history of our organization in the "Fruitage of Fifty Years", published last year and edited

by Mrs. J. E. Hoick. We praise and thank God for the unfolding and development of our W. M. S. This is God's work and it must go on. The turmoil in the world will have its effect in our lives and in our work. We are laborers together with God in extending Christ's Kingdom at home and throughout the world. We must put Christ on the offensive and have a defense that can never be broken.

You have a picture of what each society has accomplished this year in the various departments in your Convention program. Study it carefully. If your society has not made the grade this year, make an extra effort to make the goal next year. You will rejoice to know that the Centennial Fund reached $1,023.25 in our Synodical, $69,000 from the General W. M. S., our gift to India. There is a joy and satisfaction in accomplishing this task.

May I express my personal appreciation to the societies for their splendid support in gifts for our India Centennial and also the splendid progress you have made in trying to reach the Honor and Superior Merit Rolls. Twenty-one societies reached the Superior Merit and sixteen the Honor Roll. Two societies lacked just one point to make Superior Merit Roll. Plan to go even farther during the next year, which is the end of the Triennium. There are a few changes in the requirements for the coming year.

We now have 50 Societies to report on our Fiftieth Anniversary. 57 new members have been received this year, making a total of 934 Active Members and 80 Associate Members. If all Associate Members would become Active we would have our 1000 members we have worked so hard to get before the next Triennial Convention. Do work for new members next year. More workers in His Kingdom are needed in these days of world turmoil.

May I commend the stand our Young Women have taken in the new set up of the W. M. S. We are now one W. M. S. all doing the same missionary work. The only difference is names of society. We must look to the younger women in the churches for new societies. Congress Educational Forums or Institutes may be held for spiritual stimulus.

We are glad to welcome three new societies in our Synodical this year. Beverly Hills Lutheran, 2nd group, Elsa King Frey,—Rev. G. L. Hudson, pastor; Richmond Grace, 2nd group, In His Service—Rev. Orval A. Awerkamp, pastor; Inglewood Morningside, Dorcas—Rev. F. H. Swanson, pastor.

Before giving you an accounting of my stewardship as your president, I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the hearty cooperation of all the officers and department secretaries. Whatever progress we have shown is due to all working together under God's guidance, giving to Him the praise and honor. Our treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Scheehl, deserves special commendation for the splendid way in which she has taken care of our financial responsibilities. Your President has conducted most of the Synodical work by communication. 111 letters, 81 postals and five articles for magazine and Golden State Lutheran have been written. 1200 pieces of stationery were sent to all officers and department secretaries. Mailed 100 mimeographed official letters to all societies, one group in September, the other in February.

Activities

Spoke at eight society meetings, was present at Northern Conference Executive Board meeting in October. Attended Conference (Northern) Nov. 4-5. Led in Quiz about India Centennial. Attended Mt. Hermon School of Missions in July. Have attended nine Mt. Hermon Association meetings, as Board member. Led the devotions at one meeting of the Mt. Hermon Association. Called an Executive Board meeting in Los Angeles, January 21st, 1942; called an Executive Board meeting of Northern members of Executive Board at my home February 11, 1942. Attended Synodical Presidents' Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., January 27-28, 1942. Called the Lenter Prayer Service Committee to plan for the Lutheran Women's Alliance Third Annual Prayer Service; presided at the Prayer Service meeting in

Central Lutheran Church, Oakland, California, March 22, 1942.

I submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. Let us work and pray that America, a Christian nation, rededicate itself to God.

2. That in a world "shaken to its foundation", and at a time when the faith of the church is being tested, we remain conscious of the purpose of our Women's Missionary Society and show our faith in its ongoing program by continuing to promote and develop, "now more than ever" the work of the church for which we are responsible.

3. To extend definite efforts toward deepening the spiritual life, increasing Missionary Education, and promoting the Missionary Program among the women of the church.

4. To emphasize the General Budget as a financial special. For the remainder of the Triennium we are earnestly requested to remember the General Fund even more than we did during normal times.

5. Send the General Fund $100 from the Lenten Offering, balance transferred to Synodical Special Fund.

6. Contribute $25 to Migrant Work.

7. That we have Rocky Boy Mission for our "special" of $300, and the balance to be used for mission work on our own California field (hoping to establish a Mission U. L. C. Church in Calif.). One dollar per member.

8. Send $10 as a gift to our California Deaconess, Sister Irmgard Schuchard.

9. Contribute $5 to District School of Missions in Northern California.

10. Congress Convention Fund to be continued.

11. May we continue to show a keen interest in the work of our Children of the Church.

12. Stress personal Evangelism in our societies and spend more time in daily devotions and prayer. Let no condition of society excuse us from missionary work. Our motto should be, "The On Going Mission in War Time and Beyond". In peace or in war, His command is still, "Go Ye!" May we pledge ourselves to God's plan for us to a more consecrated activity for Christ and missions, keeping the lamp of Christianity alight.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. (P. J.) NAN S. KRAMER,
President

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

In Memory

Active and Life Members who have passed on:

Mrs. E. F. Gelling, First English Lutheran, Oakland.
Miss Gondla Jurgens, St. John's, Sacramento.
Mrs. J. E. Sickler, First, San Diego.
Miss Mary Maurer, Grace, Alhambra.
Mrs. Florence Kepsey, Hollywood.
Mrs. Elizabeth Bohrer, St. Mark's, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Marie Kulnle, Bethel, San Jose.
Mrs. Kate Hulver, St. Luke's, Huntington Park.
Mrs. Charles Froelick, St. Luke's, Huntington Park.
Mrs. Mary Brightman, First English, Sacramento.
Mrs. Minnie Sandidge, First Church, San Bernardino.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. LAURENCE CHELSON

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

March 15th, 1941 to March 15th, 1942

Balances, March 15th, 1941			
Centennial Fund	$ 78.60		
Deaconess Fund	55.00		
Lenten Offering	198.95		
Synodical Fee	231.45		
		$ 564.00	
RECEIPTS:			
Annuity Bonds	$ 300.00		
Associate Members	20.00		
Bible Women and Scholarships	370.00		
Box Work	28.60		
Centennial Fund	1,023.25		
Christmas Offering	100.28		
Congress Travel Fund	39.00		
Deaconess Fund	26.00		
General Fund	1,024.45		
India Lace Offering	143.11		
Life Memberships and In Memoriams	565.00		
Lenten Offering and Savings Account	436.29		
Synodical Fee	249.15		
Synodical Special	468.00		
Thank Offering	1,610.62		
Triennial Convention Fund	86.70		
Visitation	6.70		
Total Receipts		6,497.15	$7,061.15
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Miss A. Barbara Wiegand, Nat'l Treas.	$5,859.31		
Honorarium, Preparing History of Synod	25.00		
Purchase of U. S. Defense Bonds	296.00		
Synodical Expenditures:			
President's Expenses	$17.81		
Secretary's Expenses	2.56		
Treasurer's Expenses	17.85		
Statistician's Expenses	4.74		
Dept. Secretaries' Expenses	7.09		
Gavel for Synod	10.30		
Treasurer's Bond	5.00		
Paper & Mimeographing	22.02		
Stationery & Printing	38.64		
Printing Minutes of Synod	60.00		
Gift to Janitor of Convention Church	2.50		
Miscellaneous	5.90		
		194.41	
Total Disbursements			$6,374.72

Balances, March 15, 1942			
Congress Fund	$ 39.00		
Deaconess Fund	106.00		
Synodical Special	16.00		
Lenten Offering	239.24		
Synodical Fee	286.19		
Total Balance		686.42	
			$7.061.15

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer

Audited and found correct April 14, 1942

H. B. O'Brien, O. W. Weibel.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

For year ending March 31st, 1942

This year, as we look over our statistics, we have reason to rejoice and also reason to think seriously — "Have I done all I could have done?" We rejoice over 4 new societies, two in the North and two in the South. But we have also had to drop the names of two societies in the South, since they are no longer functioning. So our net gain is two new societies.

We have an increase in active members of 18, for which we rejoice. But last year we had an increase of 49, so the showing this year is not quite so good. Our showing would have been better, of course, if every society, new and old, had reported. There was no time to send out follow-up cards this year, with our Convention coming so early; and anyway, a follow-up card should not be necessary. If our blanks are attended to as soon as we receive them, as they should be, no one will be forgetting it.

There is a peculiar coincidence to report this year. Though the reports come from so many societies, when added up, the increase of 18 active members is exactly balanced by a loss of 18 associate members. So the grand total remains exactly the same. But I am sure we are all glad that 18 more are active members.

In the North, all but one society reported; in the South, three failed to report. In those cases I have used the number of members reported last year, so that they would not be a total loss.

Membership

	SOCIETIES	MEMBERS		
		Active	Associate	Total
Northern Conference	18	250	18	268
Southern Conference	31	645	62	707
Grand Totals	49	895	80	975

Gains and Losses

Northern Conference	+2	—13	+5	—8
Southern Conference	+2—2	+31	—23	+8
Grand Totals	2	+18	—18	Same

P.S.—After the above report and all statistical blanks were finished an influx of 45 new members and two new societies were reported. It was voted at Convention to accept them and report to General Statistician before June 30th making a total of 63 new members and 5 new societies this year. There are now 51 societies, 940 active members and 80 associate members.

The Statistician requests the following items for next year:

a. Give the number of persons in your Study Circle or number of homes visited. Do not state (many) or leave it blank.

b. Give the number of members you have on the roll including new members received to date before Convention.

c. Fill out the Statistician's blank carefully as this report is sent to the National Statistician.

Respectfully submitted,
IVA A. BALTZLY, Ph. D.

DEPARTMENTS

Annuity Secretary, Mrs. M. A. Linebaugh reports two annuity certificates this year, one for $200 and one $100 Bond.

Box Work Report

CHURCH	Cash	No. of Home	Boxes Foreign	Value
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE				
Alhambra, Grace	$20.60	3		
Dr. Anna S. Kugler			1	
Beverly Hills (1) Women of Church		3		$ 13.00
Elsa King Frey		1		12.00
Glendale, Johanna S. Beasom	4.00	1		25.00
Pi Rho Theta		2		
Hollywood, First, W. M. S.		1	1	14.00
Florence Welty		1		15.00
Huntington Park, Gospel Light		3		100.00
Long Beach		1		
Los Angeles				
Bethany, (Second)		1		
First		2		
St. Mark's, (First)		2		
St. Mark's, Loving Heart		1		
North Hollywood, Mena Spirer (2)	5.00	2	1	
Faith		1		
Pasadena		1	1	170.00
Phoenix (3) The John K. Reed		1		40.00
Riverside, First		2		15.00
Nona M. Diehl		1		
San Diego, First		3		
Catherine V. Bora		1		
Santa Monica		1		50.00
San Bernardino, First		1		
NORTHERN CONFERENCE				
Berkeley, Dorcas	3.00	1		3.00
Fideles		1		
Fresno, First		1		
Chi Rho		2		
Oakland, Queen Esther		1	1	
Louisa Miller		1		10.00
Sacramento, First		1		2.50
Sacramento, St. John's, Dorcas		1		8.00
San Jose (4) Bethel	3.00	1		7.00
San Jose, Grace		2		10.00
Total	$35.60	48	5	$494.50

(1) Gave 8 Layettes and toys to Cal. Luth. Hospital, value $25.00.
(2) Sent Box to Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Neb. and helped migrants.
(3) Gave to migrant work $10.00.
(4) Sent $3.00 to Rocky Boy Mission through Mr. Scheehl.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. (H. R.) RUTH K. ALLEN

Mrs. C. S. Izenour, **Secretary of Children of the Church,** sponsored by the Parish and Church School Board, reported ten active Children of the Church groups in the California Synod, with 247 children. The financial report for the year is $71.83 Do help to promote the Children of the Church in your congregations.

Miss Matilda E. Fritz, **Deaconess Secretary,** urges all the societies to contribute something toward the Synodical Deaconess Fund, and encourage young women to train for deaconess work. Write to Dr. W. A. Wade, Executive Secretary, Board of Deaconess Work, 2500 West North Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. B. B. Cook, **Educational Secretary,** reports literature and supplies sold, $42.33. Send for free literature to 1225 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Caroline Young **Lutheran Women's Work Secretary,** reports 641 subscriptions. Use your magazine for program work, and the Quiz. It will give you another Honor Roll point.

Mrs. John Hjort, **Thank Offering Secretary,** reports an increase in Thank Offering of $49.83 over that of last year, a total of $1610.62.

Miss R. A. Flathman, **Secretary of India Lace,** reports since the Convention last year, the Lace Secretary in the south, Mrs. M. Spirer, sold all she had left, amounting to $11.38. In the north $5.75 worth was sold making a total of $17.13 sold. Contributed for India Lace Industry from 25 societies $143.11 an increase of $59.11 over last year's offerings. Thanks to the societies for fine support of this work. Letters and literature have been sent again this year to all societies in the Synodical.

Mrs. J. P. Beasom, **Secretary of Patron and Protege,** reports nine societies reported the support of Bible Women and Scholarships as follows:

Bible Women:	
Beverly Hills, Women of the Church	$ 30.00
Hollywood, First (First)	50.00
Los Angeles, Bethany (First)	10.00
San Diego, Leisenring	50.00
Scholarships:	
Glendale, Johanna S. Beasom	95.00
Sacramento, St. John's (First)	25.00
Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)	25.00
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	45.00
San Francisco, St. Mark's Mission Study	40.00
Total	$370.00

The Patron and Protege department makes possible the opportunity of individuals and organizations to personalize their missionary efforts by supporting with gifts, prayers, love and interest native workers and scholarships in our mission field. Let us push forward with increased eagerness to render all possible aid to the church by supporting more and more proteges.

The full or partial support of a protege by or through every missionary society in our Synod should be our aim for the coming year.

Missionary Education Report - Mrs. Ray Inslee, Secretary

(a) Mission Study Classes—17; enrolled 218.

(b) Book Review Groups—10; enrolled 161.
(c) Reading Circles—5; enrolled 89.

32 classes with 468 enrolled in some type of Mission Study.

The Mission Study Honor Roll members are Miss Florence Welty, Mesdames Caroline Young, Lettie Beckett, C. S. Izenour, Elsa King Frey, L. N. Chelson, Erwin A. Vosseler, Marie Ebey, V. C. Chelson, C. Bastin, C. Johnson, C. Drexel, C. Miller, C. Cushing, A. Huglen, A. Coakley, A. Johnson, A. Bowen, O. Nordin O. Awerkamp, J. Torvik, R. Doss, H. Jenkins, V. Nielson, J. P. Beasom, Jr., E C. Bentz, F. L. Schmeil, H. Sime, and Ray Inslee.

Report of Extension Department—

Latest reports show that there are 441,000 women over twenty years of age in the United Lutheran Church. That 64,000 (14.5%) are members of the Women's Missionary Society. The challenge to extend interest and active participation in the work of the church through the Women's Missionary Society is obviously a definite call to the Extension Department. Yet few societies report even an Extension Secretary.

Your Synodical Secretary recommends:

1. That each Society at its May meeting appoint an Extension Secretary.
2. That each Society work for a 10% increase in membership this year.

Respectfully submitted,
LEONA H. SNYDER

Report of Promotion Department—

The department is the newest in the Synodical of California and the most important as it means progress in the W. M. S. work. 63 new members have been added this year and five new societies, two in the north and three in the south—St. Michael's (Dorcas); Richmond (In His Service); Inglewood Morningside (Dorcas); Beverly Hills (E. K. F.) and First Church, Los Angeles, 2nd group.

MRS. GRACE-ESTHER CHELSON,
Secretary

Mrs. W. E. Crouser, **Student Secretary**, reports four men studying for the ministry and 166 students from California U. L. C. in institutions of learning.

Report of Department of Life and "In Memoriam"—

Life Memberships received during Synodical year	42
Honorary Memberships received during Synodical year	5
Total Life Memberships received	47
Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	779
Honorary Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	149
Total Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	928
Persons Memorialized during Synodical year	3
Total "In Memoriams" on Synodical Roll	108
100% Life Membership Societies 1941-42	
Bethel, San Jose, with 10 members	1
Total 100% Societies	5
100% Life Membership Families 1941-42	
The Rev. Dr. Albert B. Schwertz family, First Church, Los Angeles	1
Total 100% Families	48

We urge you in the coming Synodical year to remember your friends with Life Memberships and so help the church to continue her great work.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. F. P. SMITH, Secretary

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee has carefully examined the president's report and notes that it reveals leadership, vision and courage, the like of which comes only through living close to God; and that each responsibility has been accepted and executed with a thoroughness that required untiring and undivided loyalty to the great work of extending God's Kingdom throughout the world.

Your committee recommends that the recommendations be adopted and report accepted as a while.

MRS. C. S. IZENOUR,
MRS. WM. IRONSIDE

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

With thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His loving care and the many evidences of His blessing on our work during these past 50 years, we submit the following resolutions:

1. That we express our appreciation and thanks to Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Opperman and the members of St. John's Lutheran Church for the fine hospitality shown all who are attending this 50th Anniversary Convention, and for the most enjoyable reception of Wednesday evening.

2. That we thank all those who so carefully planned the program—For the beautiful vocal numbers and to all who assisted in making every session helpful and inspiring. To Mrs. Opperman for writing and directing the dramatization, "The Harvest of Gold". To Mrs. J. E. Hoick for composing the Jubilee Song, and to those who brought the messages of devotion.

3. That we extend our thanks to Dr. H. H. Bagger, Rev. J. Edward Oslund, Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, and Miss Elvira Strunk, for their inspirational addresses.

4. That we express our appreciation to the Past Presidents for their words of greeting, and to the present officers and department secretaries for their splendid work of the past years.

5. That we thank Mrs. Garnet J. Grieve of Berkeley, St. Michael's, for the lovely convention program covers.

6. That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and thank Him for the Christian lives of the eleven members He has called from our Synodical to their home in Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. JAMES P. BEASOM, JR.
MRS. E. C. BENTZ
MRS. T. M. TELANDER

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President.....Mrs. P. J. Kramer
Vice-President.....Mrs. James P. Beasom, Jr.
Secretary.....Mrs. L. D. Swanson
Treasurer.....Mrs. W. B. Scheehl
Historian.....Mrs. Orval A. Awerkamp
Statistician.....Mrs. Iva Baltzly, Ph. D.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. F. P. SMITH
MRS. H. W. OPPERMAN
MRS. MARGARET A. LINEBAUGH
MRS. E. L. KONOW

Mrs. John J. Hjort, Bill Auditor, passed on bills presented.

SUPERIOR MERIT AND HONOR ROLL SOCIETIES

The Superior Merit Societies were the following:

Hollywood, First, 19 point; St. Michael's (Louisa Miller) 19 points; Huntington Park (Gospel Light) 18 points; Phoenix, Grace (John Reed) 18 points; Sacramento, First, 17 points; Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl) 17 points; Beverly Hills (Women of Church) 17 points; Glendale (J. S. B.) 16 points; Fresno, First, 16 points; Fresno, First (C. R.) 16 points; San Diego, First (Leisenring) 16 points; North Hollywood (M. S.) 16 points; Los Angeles, St. Mark's, 15 points; Berkeley, St. Michael's (Dorcas) 16 4/5 points; Hollywood, (F. E. W.) 15 points; Los Angeles, First, 15 points; Pasadena, Trinity, 15 points; Redlands, First, 16 points; Richmond, Grace (M.M.) 15 points; Riverside, Trinity (M. G.) 15 points; San Francisco, St. Mark's, 15 points; Oakland, First (L. M.) 17 points.

The Honor Roll Societies were the following:

Santa Monica, St. Paul's, 14 3/5 points; San Jose, Bethel (L. W.) 14 points; Long Beach, Trinity, 14 points; Alhambra, Grace (First) 13 3/5 points; San Jose, Grace, 13 points; Berkeley, St. Michael's (Fideles) 13 points; San Bernardino (M. E. S.) 13 points; St. John's, Sacramento (Dorcas) 13 points; Los Angeles, First, 13 points; Hollywood (F. E. W.) 12 4/5 points; Riverside, Trinity (M. S.) 12 4/5 points; North Hollywood (Faith) 12 4/5 points; Huntington Park (Go Ye) 12 points; St. John's, Sacramento (First) 12 points; St. John's, Oakland, 12 points; Oakland, First (Queen Esther) 12 points.

Other societies met the following points:

San Francisco, St. Matthew's, 10 3/5 points; Los Angeles, Bethany (First) 10 3/5 points; San Francisco, First, 8 points; Los Angeles, Bethany (Second) 8 points; Los Angeles, St. Paul's, 6 points; San Diego (C. V. B.) 6 points; Gardena, St. John's, 4 2/5 points; Alhambra, Grace (Dr. A. S. K.) 7 points; Glendale (P. R. T.) 6 points; St. Mark's (L. H.) 6 points.

For the Coming Year
Requirements for Honor Roll, 14 Points
For Superior Merit Society, 18 Points

1. An increase in membership.
2. An average attendance at meetings of at least 50% of the membership.
3. Regular use of the monthly program published in Lutheran Women's Work.
4. Use of the magazine quiz.
5. A subscription to the Lutheran Women's Work in the home of every active member.
6. Promotion of the Children of the Church in your congregation.
7. An Extension Department (Visitation) in your society.
8. A mission study class or reading circle in the congregation.
9. Daily Bible reading by all members of your society.
10. Financial obligations fully met, send in quarterly before the 15th of June, September, December and March to Synodical Treasurer:
    (a) General Fund—10c per member per month.
    (b) Synodical Fee—25c per member per year.
    (c) Triennial Convention Expense Fund—10c per member per year.
11. Synodical Special—Contribution per member to American Indian at Rocky Boy.

12. Lenten Offering—Christmas offering; India Lace Offering (free will).
13. Contribution toward Deaconess Fund and Congress Travel Fund ($1.00 per Society per year).
14. Increase in amount of Thank Offering.
15. One public Thank Offering meeting.
16. Box Work—cash or supplies.
17. Support of Patron and Protege work—partial payment on a scholarship.
18. One new Life Member or In Memoriam.
19. One meeting devoted to the study of the General Society (National).
20. Observance of the week of prayer and self-denial—Day of Prayer.
21. Representation at Conference and Synodical Conventions.
22. Observance of India Lace Day in May, cooperating with S. S. children.
23. Prompt reports and answers to all communications from officers. Send in list of new officers to Secretary of Synodical or President, as soon as elected.
24. Representation at a summer school of Missions.

APPENDIX A—FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA FOR 1941 42

NAME	Annuity	Assoc. Members	Bible Women Scholars	Box Work	Centennial	Christmas Off.	Congress	Deaconess	General Fund	India Lace	Life Mem. & In Mem.	Lenten	Synodical Fee	Synodical Special	Thank Offering	Triennial Convention	Visitation	Total for Society	Total for Church
Alhambra, Grace, First	$	$	$	$20.60	$ 20.50	$	$ 1.00	$	$ 31.20	$ 16.00	$ 10.00	$	$ 6.50	$ 26.00	$ 61.10	$ 2.60	$	$ 195.50	$
Alhambra, Grace, Dr. Anna S. Kugler		4.00			21.00	1.00	1.00		18.60	.60		1.65	4.60		13.59	1.40		67.44	262.94
Berkeley, St. Michael's, Louisa Miller	100.00	1.00		3.00	30.83	1.47	1.00	1.00	27.60	3.07	20.00	1.53	5.75	23.00	36.81	2.30		258.36	
Berkeley, St. Michael's, Fideles					10.00	1.00	1.00		12.00	3.00		1.00	2.50	3.00		1.00		34.50	
Berkeley, St. Michael's, Dorcas					24.64	2.50	1.00		12.00	3.06	10.00	2.30	2.50	4.00	28.70	1.00		91.70	384.56
Beverly Hills, Women of the Church			30.00		17.84		1.00	4.00	18.60	7.45	10.00	6.45	3.75	9.00	38.56	1.60		148.25	
Beverly Hills, Elsa King Frey					2.00	1.00			5.40				2.25		4.31			14.96	163.21
Fresno, First, First					26.00	5.00	1.00		29.00		10.00	3.00	6.00	10.00	35.00	3.00		128.00	
Fresno First, Chi Rho					20.00		1.00		24.00		10.00	2.65	5.00		19.16	2.00		83.81	211.81
Gardena, St. John's					8.05		1.00		19.50				4.00		7.65	1.50		41.70	41.70
Glendale, First, Johanna S. Beasom		5.00	95.00		65.00	13.00	1.00		76.00	7.00	70.00	18.00	16.00	63.00	173.00	7.00		609.00	
Glendale, First, Pi Rho Theta					2.00				9.00						2.87			13.87	622.87
Hollywood, First			50.00		22.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	34.80	3.00	20.00		7.50	15.00	87.21	3.00		251.51	
Hollywood, Florence Welty					25.00	3.00	1.00		25.60		10.00		5.00		38.00	2.20		109.80	361.31
Huntington Park, St. Luke's, Gospel Light					20.08		1.00		30.50	10.00	20.00	3.55	6.25	25.00	64.65	2.50	1.70	185.23	
Huntington Park, St. Luke's, Go Ye					22.34				21.90				4.25		13.30			61.79	247.02
Long Beach, Trinity					34.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	40.00				8.00	2.00	52.00	3.00		142.00	142.00
Los Angeles, Bethany, First			10.00		5.00	2.00	1.00		13.20		10.00		3.00	3.00	6.00	1.00		54.20	
Los Angeles, Bethany, Second					11.20				10.80				3.00		4.06			29.06	83.26
Los Angeles, First	200.00				40.00		1.00		48.00	23.05	30.00		10.00	40.00	100.00	4.00		496.05	496.05
Los Angeles, St. Mark's, First					19.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	24.00	1.00		11.00	5.00	20.00	65.00	2.00		160.00	
Los Angeles, St. Mark's, Loving Hearts					10.00		1.00		12.00				3.00	4.00	9.00	1.00		40.00	200.00
Los Angeles, St. Paul's									12.00		10.00		2.50			1.00		25.50	25.50
N. Hollywood, St. Matthew's, Mena Spirer		3.00		5.00	24.75	2.00	1.00	4.00	16.80		30.00	2.00	3.50	14.00	46.00	1.30		153.35	
N. Hollywood, St. Matthew's, Faith		2.00			15.00		1.00	2.00	17.70		10.00	2.00	3.50	14.00	35.45	1.50		104.15	257.50
Oakland, First, Queen Esther					20.00	2.50	1.00	1.00	23.30	4.40	10.00	3.00	5.00	19.00	45.00	2.00		136.20	
Oakland, First, Louisa Miller					10.00	2.00	1.00		12.00	1.00	50.00	1.00	2.50		3.00	1.00		83.50	219.70
Oakland, St. John's					3.50	1.25	1.00		12.00	3.00	20.00	3.00	2.50	10.00	25.65	1.00		82.90	82.90
Pasadena, Trinity					37.00	5.00			44.00	6.00	10.00	9.00	7.00		90.00	4.00	2.00	214.00	214.00
Phoenix, Grace, John Reed					28.00	2.65	1.00	2.00	25.50	4.65	25.00	12.51	5.75	20.00	45.25	2.50	3.00	177.81	177.81
Redlands, First		3.00			17.20	2.00	1.00		20.70	8.00	10.00	8.60	4.25	18.00	34.15	2.00		128.90	128.90
Richmond, Grace, Mary Martha					13.77	5.00	1.00		15.30	3.65	10.00	2.50	3.00	12.00	13.15	1.50		80.87	
Richmond Grace, In His Service									5.10							1.70		6.80	87.67
Riverside, Trinity, Mission Guild					10.70	2.50			27.15	5.00	25.00	8.10	4.00	9.00	31.00	2.60		125.05	
Riverside, Trinity, Nona M. Diehl					2.70		1.00		13.60		10.00	9.10	3.00	8.00	20.00	1.00		68.40	193.45
Sacramento, First, Bethany					18.25	2.00	1.00	1.00	18.50	2.30	10.00		4.20	14.00	26.30	1.50		99.05	99.05
Sacramento, St. John's, First			25.00		5.00	5.00	1.00		21.00	3.00	20.00	5.00	2.50		43.35	1.50		132.35	
Sacramento, St. John's, Dorcas			25.00			5.46	1.00	2.00	27.60		10.00	6.00	5.75		22.27	2.30		107.38	239.73
San Bernardino, First, Minnie E. Sandidge					6.25	1.35	1.00		11.30			3.01	2.75	11.00	9.70	1.00		47.36	47.36
San Diego, First, Leisenring			50.00		27.80	9.20	1.00		21.30	6.00	10.80	8.85	4.00	10.00	50.55	1.60		206.30	
San Diego, First, Catherine Von Bora					5.85		1.00		21.70				4.00			4.00		36.55	242.85
San Jose, Bethel, Lydia E. Woerner					6.00		1.00		12.30		20.00		2.50	13.00	10.00	1.10		65.90	65.90
San Jose, Grace					13.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	19.80	3.00	10.00		3.00	13.00	38.19	2.00		109.99	109.99
San Francisco, First					10.00		1.00		8.40		25.00		2.25	3.00	50.00	.70		100.35	100.35
San Francisco, St. Mark's, Mission Study			40.00		12.00	1.40	1.00	1.00	18.00	10.88		2.25	5.10	17.00	26.45	1.40		136.48	136.48
San Francisco, St. Matthew's					23.00				24.00						20.00	2.00		69.00	69.00
San Francisco, Temple									5.00				2.00		4.00			11.00	11.00
Santa Barbara, Grace							1.00		10.50				2.00		3.00	.70		17.20	17.20
Santa Monica, St. Paul's		2.00	45.00		30.00		1.00		16.20	5.00	10.00		2.50	10.00	58.19	1.70		181.59	181.59
Northern Conerence					50.00													50.00	50.00
Synodical Offerings					77.00								46.25					123.25	123.25
Los Angeles - Union Lenten Ser.												5.50						5.50	5.50
Savings Acct. Transferred to Lenten Off.												293.74						293.74	293.74
Synod of California					100.00													100.00	100.00
TOTALS	$300.00	$20.00	370.00	$28.60	$1023.25	$100.28	$39.00	$26.00	$1024.45	$143.11	$565.00	$436.29	$249.15	$468.00	$1610.62	$85.70	$6.70	$6497.15	$6497.15

APPENDIX B—STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA FOR 1941-1942

Honor Roll Requirements	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	Membership								Personnel of Society			Education Division									Promotion Division			Patron & Protege				Box W
													Mission Study				Wk. of Pray												
		No. Societies Organized Before June 30 Last Yr.	No. Societies Organized After June 30 Last Yr.	Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—Under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	How Many Members Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	How Many Business & Professional Women?	No. of Study Groups Home Theme, A B C D	No. of Study Groups Foreign Theme A B C D	No. Persons in Group	No. Persons Completing Reading Course	Did Your Society Observe Week of Prayer?	No. Meetings Held	No. Societies Use Programs by Educ. Div.	No. Magazine Subscriptions in Your Society?	No. Societies Use Programs by Educ. Div.	No. Cong. Presented the Deaconess Cause?	No. Dif. Homes Visited	Copies Quarterly Visitors Dist. since June 30	No. of Nationals, etc.	No. of Scholarships	No. of Other Proteges etc.	No. Public Thank-Offering Services	No. of Boxes to Home Missions	No. of Bixes to
	Northern Conference																												
19	Berkeley, St. Michael's, Louisa Miller	1			21	21		2	2		10						1	5	1	21								1	1
13	Berkeley, St. Michael's, Fideles	1		11		11				11							1	1	1		1	1						1	1
17	Berkeley, St. Michael's, Dorcas		1		13	13					10		1				1	4	1	10	1	1						1	1
16	Fresno, First (First)	1			28	28					28		1	1	28	20	1	2	1	28	1							1	1
16	Fresno, First, Chi Rho Circle	1		9	9	18	2	3	5		11	12	1				1	2	1	23	1	1						1	2
12	Oakland, First, Queen Esther	1			19	19					17		1		19		1	1	1	17	1							1	1
	Oakland, First, Louisa Miller	1		7	3	10				2	5	3					1	1	1	10	1								1
12	Oakland, St. John's	1			6	6					6						1	1	1	8	1								
15	Richmond, Grace, Mary Martha	1		1	17	18		3	3		18						1	5	1	15	1							1	
16	Richmond, Grace, In His Service		1		16	16																							
16	Sacramento, First, Bethany	1			15	15		1	1		15					8				16	1	1						1	
12	Sacramento, St. John's, First	1			10	10		5	5								1			10	1						1		
13	Sacramento, St. John's, Dorcas	1		15	9	25					17	7					1	1		2	1	1	6		1				1
	San Francisco, First	1			10	10					10									10									
15	San Francisco, St. Mark's, Miss. Stdy. Group	1		5	11	16					8	8		1		3					1								
13	San Francisco, St. Matthew's	1			20	20							1	1	8	16	1	1				1	12					1	
15	San Jose, Bethel, Dr. Lydia Woerner	1			11	11					11						1	6	1			1		20				1	1
13	San Jose, Grace	1			15	15		2	2		15	2								9	1							1	2
1	San Francisco, Temple		1			1																							
	Totals - Northern Conference	16	3	48	233	282	2	16	18	13	181	32	5	3	55	47	13	30	10	179	13	7	18	20	1		1	11	12
	Southern Conference																												
14	Alhambra, Grace - Grace Miss.	1			27	27					27		1	1	27					21	1		35					1	3
7	Alhambra, Grace, Dr. Anna S. Kugler	1		10	4	14	2	3	5		14	5		1			1			10									1
18	Beverly Hills Luth., Women of the Church	1		2	14	16		1	1								1	4	1	16	1	1		8	1			1	3
	Beverly Hills Luth., E. K. F. Club		1	9		9																							
4	Gardena, St. John's	1			15	15		2	2		17									12	1		365						
16	Glendale, First, Johanna S. Beasom	1		4	67	71		6	6		68	3	1	1	28	5	1	5	1	74	1					2	3	1	1
6	Glendale, First, Pi Rho Theta	1		10		10	11		11	21											1	1	10					1	2
19	Hollywood Lutheran, First	1			34	34		4	4		38			1	18		1	1	1	34	1	1			1			1	1
15	Hollywood Lutheran, Florence M. Welty	1		4	21	25					10	15		1	25					25		1						1	1
18	Huntington Park, St. Luke, Gospel Light	1			23	23		1	1				1	1	17		1	3	1	27	1		16	20				1	3
12	Huntintgon Park, St. Luke's, Go Ye	1		19	1	20				1	14	5	1	1	20					18		1						1	
	Inglewood, Morningside		1		20	20																							
14	Long Beach, Trinity	1		2	38	40					37	3				14				22	1	1	60					1	1
	Los Angeles, Bethany, First	1			14	14		6	6																				
10	Los Angeles, Bethany, Second	1		8	4	12					11	1	1		12					9	1	1			1				1
13	Los Angeles, First	1			40	40		2	2								1	1	1	18	1							1	2
15	Los Angeles, St. Mark's, First	1			19	19					18	1	1		16		1	2	1	16	1							1	2
6	Los Angeles, St. Mark's, Loving Heart	1		2	8	10					4	6		1	10		1	1			1								1
6	Los Angeles, St. Paul's	1			10	10		2	2		10									10	1								
16	N. Hollywood, St. Matthew's, Mena Spirer	1			16	16		4	4		20		1	1	10				1	18	1	1						1	2
15	N. Hollywood, St. Matthew's, Faith	1		2	13	15		2	2		12	3		1	17	17				16	1							1	1
	Pasadena, Trinity	1			40	40																							
18	Phoenix, Arizona, Grace, John Reed	1			25	25	1	1	2		23	2		1	10		1	5	1	31	1	1	30	10				1	1
16	Redlands, First	1		2	16	18		3	3		16		1		20		1	5	1	18	1	1	10	40				1	1
15	Riverside, Trinity, Mission Guild	1		1	14	15					15						1	1		15								1	2
17	Riverside, Trinity, Nona M. Diehl	1		13	1	14		2	2	5	3	6		1	12		1	1		9	1								1
13	San Bernardino, First, Minnie E. Sandidge	1		1	14	15					15		1	1	20	16	1	5	1	12	1		25					1	1
	San Diego, First, Leisenring	1			19	19		1	1		18			1	7		1	3	1	15	1	1			1	1		1	3
6	San Diego, First, Katherine von Bora	1		6	11	17	1	5	6		15	8								2	1								1
	Santa Barbara, Grace	1			12	12																							
15	Santa Monica, St. Paul's, Women's Guild	1			17	17		2	2		18		1		10					14	1				1	1		1	1
	Los Angeles, Second Group		1	6						6																			
21	Totals - Southern Conference	29	3	101	547	658	15	47	62	33	423	58	10	14	279	52	14	37	11	462	22	11	551	78	5	4	3	19	36
12	Totals - Northern Conference	16	3	48	233	282	2	16	18	13	181	32	5	3	55	47	13	30	10	179	13	7	18	20	1		1	11	12
33	GRAND TOTALS	45	6	149	780	940	17	63	80	46	604	90	15	17	334	99	27	67	21	641	35	18	569	98	6	4	4	30	48

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	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	Pastors	Congregations
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Gralf	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. N. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29

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	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	Pastors	Congregations
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30
28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	58	37
39	Sacramento	1930	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	37
40	Long Beach	1931	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	64	37
41	San Francisco	1932	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	68	38
42	Los Angeles	1933	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	65	36
43	Oakland	1934	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	62	36
44	Riverside	1935	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	64	35
45	San Francisco	1936	Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	63	37
46	Phoenix, Arizona	1937	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph. D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	66	37
47	Sacramento	1938	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph. D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	37
48	Santa Monica	1939	Rev. Howard A. Anspach	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	60	37
49	San Jose	1940	Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	57	36
50	Los Angeles	1941	Rev. William H. Derr	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	38
51	Sacramento	1942	Rev. William H. Derr, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	38
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The Rev. Guy L. Hudson

NEXT CONVENTION
First Lutheran Church, 630 Ferger Ave., Fresno 3, California, May 1-4, 1944

MINUTES

of the

Fifty-Second Annual Convention

of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD of California

FIRST SESSION

Glendale, California, May 10, 1943—7:45 p.m.

The fifty-second annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California opened with the Confessional Service, followed by the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The celebrants: Vice-Presidents Howard A. Anspach, D.D., and Robert S. Romeis; liturgist: Secretary Erwin A. Vosseler; homilist: James P. Beasom, Jr., who preached the sermon on the theme, "I Will Build My Church", based on Matthew 16:18.

SECOND SESSION

Glendale, California, May 11, 1943—9:00 a.m.

The devotional service was conducted by Chaplain Clifford Holland; his theme, "Pearl of Great Price", being based on Matthew 13:44.

President Beasom opened Synod by use of the prescribed form. Lawrence Olson, mayor of Glendale, gave a welcome to delegates of convention.

The secretary read the following:

ROLL OF SYNOD—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

(For Location of Churches, See Apportionment Table)

Clerical Roll	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Address of Minister	Cong. Served	Lay Delegate	Laymen's Address
Adolph Jatho (E)	1887	1895	1634 Adeline St., Oakland			
Charles F. Oehler, D.D. (E)	1888	1893	1713 "J" Street, Sacramento			
William Brandes (E)	1888	1896	3266 Liberty Ave., Alameda			
Oscar H. Gruver, D.D. (E)	1892	1904 (1894*)	717 Carlston Ave., Oakland			
Harvey M. Leech (E)	1894	1920 (1912*)	3005 Hillegas Ave., Berkeley			
Henry F. Schmidt	1895	1930	15 Latona St., San Francisco	Temple	Henry E. Pape	2514 32nd Avenue
John R. Broyer, Ph. D.	1896	1912	1357 Geary St., San Francisco	First	Charles F. Graber	Clement and 4th Ave.
William E. Crouser, D.D.	1898	1902	1204 Lincoln Ave., San Jose	Grace	Prof. Ernest Peterson	McKendrie Ave.
Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	1898	1919	5505 Kales Ave., Oakland	St. Michael's	Peter J. Kramer	5915 Chabolyn Terrace
Emil Meyer (Supply)	1900	1919	215 Delmas Ave., San Jose			
J. S. Herold, D.D. (E)	1900	1939	Rt. 2, Box 181A, Ojai, Calif.	St. John's		
Otto Becker (E)	1912	1941	1128 "N" St., Sanger	St. Paul's		
George Dorn, A.M., D.D.	1915	1927	1135 O'Farrel St., San Francisco	St. Mark's	Wm. Capel	1815 Lyon St.
John C. Bitter	1917	1923	639 "D" St., Fresno	Wartburg		
Herman Lucas (E)	1923	1925	269 Dolores St., San Francisco	St. Matthew's	Oskar A. Trantz	1196 Stanyon St.
Clarence F. Crouser (E)	1923	1925		Chaplain		
H. Paul Romeis	1931	1936	659 16th St., Oakland 12	First	Frantz Jensen	1139 Sylvan Avenue
Henry W. Opperman (E)	1933	1935		Chaplain		
Orval A. Awerkamp	1935	1935	513 - 13th St., Richmond	Grace	John Torvock	513 13th Street
Robert S. Romeis	1938	1938	750 Roosevelt Ave., Fresno 3	First	T. M. Howard	3412 El Monte Way
J. Edward Oslund	1938	1938	150 - 20th Ave., San Francisco	Service Center		
Arthur E. Kaspereit (E)		1943	San Jose Sanitarium, San Jose			
August Claus	1943	1943	2112 Lotus Ave., Fresno 1	St. Paul's	Peter Nilmeier	2112 Lotus Avenue
Paul Wolpert	1943	1943	4th Ave. at 39th St., Sacramento	First	Herman Peterson	4th Ave. at 39th Street
				St. John's	Wm. F. Bening	1320 Vallejo Way
Henry Scherer (Supply)			1309 Tuolumne St., Vallejo	St. Paul's		

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John A. M. Zeigler, Ph.D., D.D.(E)	1877	1919 (1907*)	2819 E. California, Huntington Pk.			
C. H. Rockey (E)	1881	1931	2127 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles			
C. W. Maggart, D.D. (E)	1882	1926 (1892*)	2023 W. 82nd St., Los Angeles			
B. L. Westenbarger (E)	1892	1942	% L. Westnbrgr, Monroeville, Ind.			
J. Edward Hoick, D.D.	1894	1898	1041 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles	St. Mark's	W. E. Lebold	843 West 40th St.
Herbert J. Weaver, D.D.	1894	1900	6814 S. Cedar St., Huntington Park	St. Luke's	Rudolff Kluck	9401 Otis
William S. Dysinger, D.D.	1894	1916	1329 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles	English (@)		
Norman N. Harter	1895	1911	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles			
Peter Alpeter, D.D.	1895	1922	Bonita, Calif.			
Warren R. Mottern, Litt.D.	1897	1909	211 N. Adams St., Glendale			
Sylvanus H. Yerian, Ph. D., D.D.	1899	1926	4427 59th St., Los Angeles			
William C. Miller, S.T.M. (E)	1899	1928	Cole Camp, Missouri (Supply)			
William F. Poat, LL.D.	1901	1920	3925 Walnut St., Riverside	Trinity	Edward Schrickel	4026 Fourth St.
A. J. Soldan, D.D.	1901	1929	10441 Ashton Ave., W. Los Angeles	Village Church	P. O. Narveson	709 Burlingame
Daniel J. Snyder, D.D.	1903	1908	2085 Linden St., Long Beach	Trinity	Ross E. Walker	302 Hermosa Ave.
William H. Derr, D.D. (Supply)	1903	1912	377 N. Madison Ave., Pasadena	Grace, Alh'bra	P. E. Peterson	2176 Adair, San Marino
Albert Fieblekorn (E)	1903	1921	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia			
Arthur A. Isham (E)	1907	1912	832 Alvarado St., Redlands			
Homer L. Bosserman (E)	1910	1936	Rt. 1, Box 339-A, Tucson, Arizona			
Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	1913	1930	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena	Trinity	Alfred W. Augustine	325 N. 59th St., L.A.
William J. Dentler (E)	1914	1916	330 Cajon St., Redlands			
Francis C. Pryor	1916	1937	1109 Anacopa, Santa Barbara	Hollywood		
Henry Irving Kohler, D.D.	1919	1930	7011 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles	Bethany	Sidney J. Fraser	7908 S. Main St.
Erwin A. Vosseler	1920	1941	3058 Juniper St., San Diego	First	Frank Feger	520 20th St.
A. D. Knudten	1920	1924	1102 163rd St., Gardena	St. John's	Magnus Larsen	620 W. 183rd St.
D. Edward Wright (E)	1923	1937		Chaplain		
James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	1923	1937	1650 Capistrano Ave., Glendale	First	G. A. Hamann	439 W. Dryden
Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.	1924	1941	3119 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles	First	H. A. Weisman	2721 Barco
Carl A. Miller	1925	1941	232 W. Olive St., Redlands	First	Eddie Seltun	940 W. Chestnut Ave.
Clifford B. Holand	1927	1938	823 - 20th St., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	F. C. Noel	348 21st Street
Guy L. Hudson	1930	1930	122 S. Almont Dr., Los Angeles	Beverly Hills	Russell F. Amrheim	122 S. Almont Dr.
Erwin T. May (E)	1931	1934		Chaplain		
Edward N. Spirer	1930	1931	6616 Irvine St., North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	Axel Madsen	5716 Gentry
Delmar L. Dyreson (E)	1931	1934		Chaplain		
H. C. Lindsay	1926	1940	1120 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, Arizona	Grace	Wm. F. Steffenhagen	Rt. 1 Box 505 Phoenix
Franklin P. Smith	1937	1941	1217 W. Ramona Blvd., Alhambra	St. Paul's	I. G. Sage	1114 S. Eastman
Franklin A. Swanson	1938	1942	8457 Byrd Ave., Inglewood	Holy Trinity	Chas. Hovey	8457 Byrd Ave.
Chas. P. Smith (Ass't. St. Luke's)	1938	1943	2721 E. Florence Ave., Hunt. Park	St. Luke's		
Robert D. Kerstetter	1939	1943	1733 N. Hampshire, Hollywood	Hollywood	R. A. Samuelson	742 N. Sycamore Ave.
Lawrence C. Vosseler (E)	1941	1941		Chaplain		
Arthur W. Alm	1942	1943	733 H Street, San Bernardino	First	Lewis Stone	733 H Street
John B. Nield (Ass't.)	1943	1943	204 S. Corondolet Ave., Hollywood	Hollywood		

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The reference and counsel committee's report was adopted. The following new members were introduced: The Reverends H. C. Lindsay, Charles P. Smith, Robert D. Kerstetter, A. C. Knudten, Arthur W. Alm.

Also introduced were the Reverends Walter Moeller, service pastor of Hollywood; Pastor Sorenson of the Norwegian Lutheran Church; August S. Claus, candidate for ordination; and Franklin C. Fry, official delegate representing U.L.C.A.

The secretary read the convention committees.

President's Report—The Reverends Henry F. Schmitt; A. C. Knudten; A. J. Soldan, D.D.; and Messrs. P. Nilmeier and Frank Feger.

Resolutions—The Reverends J. Edward Hoick, D.D.; Robert D. Kerstetter; and Guy L. Hudson.

Reference and Counsel—The Reverends Robert S. Romeis; H. C. Linsday; and Franklin A. Swanson.

Claims—Messrs. William B. Scheehl, Robert Paden, and the Reverends J. George Dorn, D.D.; and A. D. Soldan, D.D.

Letters and Papers—The Reverends H. I. Hohler, D.D.; J. C. Bitter, and Herman Lucas.

Excuses—The Reverends Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.; J. Edward Hoick, D.D.; Charles P. Smith; and Gus Hamann.

Tellers—The Reverends Carl A. Miller, Arthur W. Alm, and Messrs. P. Kraemer, and P. O. Narvesson.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Salutation—For the first time in the history of our Synod, we meet for our annual convention in the church of which the president of Synod is pastor. He has, because of this, the double privilege of both welcoming the delegates and of thanking the host congregation for her hospitality. As we lift our hearts in prayer unto God in thanksgiving for His divine care of His most holy church during the past year, let us petition the throne of grace for strength, courage and guidance that His will may be done.

Our World at War—Once more we meet in a world at war. Stark tragedy faces the human race and every family is affected. From our homes and churches have gone hundreds of young men and women into the armed forces of our beloved country. Some of them have given their lives on the field of battle; others have been returned wounded. Many more will suffer in the days ahead. We must pray that God will comfort the hearts of the bereaved and will give faith to all.

Migrations—Compensating for the loss in membership and workers who have gone from our congregations, as we have mentioned above, hundreds upon hundreds of war workers have migrated to the territory of Synod. These present a tremendous challenge. All of them are unchurched and many of them are from our household of faith. New cities are arising and old cities are crowded. Villages are turning into metropolitan communities.

Missions—Because of this recent influx, we have become a virgin field for missionary endeavor. Already, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Vallejo has been organized and is petitioning for membership with eighty-nine charter members. A missionary pastor will arrive on the field of St. Francis Woods, San Francisco, by the first of next month. Surveys will be made in San Jose and Long Beach immediately with the prospects of organizing congregations. Several other fields are calling for help. Every congregation is a mission field and every pastor must be a missionary. Pastors and members should keep a continual program of visitation evangelism in operation. To assist in this effort for the summer, the Board of American Missions is helping Synod as a war emergency program by sending to our territory six seminary students.

Lutheran World Action—While we are engaged in our own local missionary cause, we should not neglect the larger work of the church. We failed to reach our quota for Lutheran World Action last year; we must not fail this year. The need is greater, and each congregation can prove

her loyalty to our men and women in service, to our mission fields and to our war workers.

100% For Benevolences—For the first time our Synod is over the one hundred per cent mark. The treasurer reported in the last GOLDEN STATE LUTHERAN 101.56%. Let us bend every effort to remain in this class, remembering that our gifts represent offerings unto the Lord for service in His greater vineyard.

Chaplains—A number of our former pastors have become military chaplains. during the past year three more of our pastors have enlisted: Chaplains Lawrence Vosseler and Clarence Crouser in the U.S. Navy, and Chaplain Henry Opperman in the U.S. Army. Let us remember them in our prayers.

Application for Admission—The following resolution has come from St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Vallejo, California: " . . . resolve that this congregation apply to the Synod of California for admittance. . . ." This petition will come before Synod for action.

Deaths—The Rev. William F. Holl; The Rev. George H. Hillerman, D.D.

Resignations—The Rev. J. S. Herold, D.D., from St. John's, Oakland; The Rev. Francis O. Pryor from First, Oakland; The Rev. Adam Schreiber from St. Paul's, Fresno; The Rev. Henry Opperman from St. John's Sacramento; The Rev. Clarence Crouser from First, Sacramento; The Rev. J. Edward Hoick, D.D., from St. Mark's, Los Angeles; The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D., from Hollywood, Los Angeles; The Rev. Harry R. Allen from Grace, Phoenix, Arizona; The Rev. H. Paul Romeis from First, San Bernardino.

Reassignment—The Rev. Franklin P. Smith, board missionary, St. Paul's, Los Angeles; The Rev. Marvin O. Lee, First, Los Angeles (ass't. pastor); The Rev. Lawrence A. Vosseler, First, Glendale (asso. pastor); The Rev. Arthur W. Alm, First, Los Angeles (ass't. pastor).

Calls Accepted—The Rev. J. George Dorn, St. Mark's, San Francisco; The Rev. Francis C. Pryor, Grace, Santa Barbara; The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, First, Oakland; The Rev. Arthur Kaspereit, Bethel, San Jose;; The Rev. Walter Moeller, Board Missionary, Vallejo; The Rev. Charles Smith, ass't pastor, St. Luke's, Huntington Park; The Rev. Robert Kerstetter, Hollywood, Los Angeles; The Rev. H. C. Lindsay, Grace, Phoenix, Arizona; The Rev. Clifford B. Holland, St. Paul's, Santa Monica; The Rev. Arthur W. Alm, First, San Bernardino; The Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, Holy Trinity, Inglewood.

Transfers of Ministers—The Rev. Adam Schreiber, New York Synod; The Rev. M. H. Geisler, Iowa Synod; The Rev. Harry R. Allen, Illinois Synod; The Rev. Marvin O. Lee, Iowa Synod.

Congregational Advancements—There have been a great many improvements made to the physical properties of the congregations of Synod. The president wishes to express a word of commendation to both pastors and members for this sign of advancement of the work of the kingdom. Some of these are listed by congregations:

Hollywood—Many repairs and the following gifts: service flag, altar service book, two credence brackets, chancel table, nine offering plates, baptismal font, communion set.

First, San Diego—Debt paid in full, the building repainted and repaired and rewired, new altar and pulpit hangings, altar picture, fifty new hymnals, 120 new steel folding chairs.

Temple, San Francisco—$125.00 paid on debt to bank and $100 on debt to Board of American Missions.

Trinity, Pasadena—$2,000 paid on debt in 1942, and $3,000 already in 1943.

Holy Trinity, Inglewood—$5,000 raised for new building; Lot purchased from the Board of American Missions. Ready to build.

St. Luke's Huntington Park—Extensive repairs, repainting, restuccoing; altar painting of Rembrandt's "Christus".

St. John's, Sacramento—Extensive repairs and repainting in basement.

Trinity, Long Beach—$5,208 debt reduction; fifty new common ser-

vice books, service flag, army and navy service books for all men in service.

St. Matthew's, North Hollywood—Debt paid in full. Assisted in the erection of two Army chapels.

Grace, Richmond—Balance of bank debt of $6,280 paid and $1,250 paid to Board of American Missions; extensive repairs, repainting, recarpeting; new hymn books, amplifying system.

St. Michael's, Berkeley—Indebtedness of congregation paid in full, new roof for parish house, new landscaping, badminton court.

St. Mark's, Los Angeles—Extensive repairs, repainting and redecorating; new U.S. Christian, and Service flags added.

Trinity, Riverside—Auditorium and chapel redecorated, new common service books.

St. Paul's, Santa Monica—Completed refinancing program with the Board of American Missions.

Bethany, Los Angeles—Nursery room with P.A. system and plate-glass window; 100 new common service books.

Grace, San Jose—Basement fitted for an Army and Navy service center, operated by the church; Sunday School room turned into chapel with all the furnishings. Celebration of golden anniversary.

St. Mark's, San Francisco—Plans made for extensive repairs to whole church plant. 185 new members received in seven months.

First, Glendale—Indebtedness paid in full; extensive repairs and many additions.

St. John's, Oakland—Purchase of a building for parish house.

First, Los Angeles—Purchase of new piano, fifty new common service books, changes in choir loft and organ console moved; all women's organizations merged into "Women of the Church".

We thank almighty God for these and all of the other improvements to the properties of the congregations of Synod. May He help us to use these to His honor and glory.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. BEASOM, Jr., President.

The report was received and referred to the committee on President's Report.

The Rev. John Edward Hoick, D.D., presented the historian's report.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Since publication of the Synodical History two years ago, your historian has endeavored to keep up a supplemental record of each congregation. This will prove of value to the future historian of Synod.

That records may be as complete as possible, pastors are requested to transmit to me items of interest, that they may be incorporaed in the records.

—JOHN EDWARD HOICK, Historian.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA
January 1, 1942 - December 31, 1942

		Receipts	Disbursements
BALANCES—January 1, 1942			
Synodical treasury	$ 888.97		
Student Work fund	25.00		
Mission cash balance	665.76		
TOTAL Cash Balance		$ 1,579.73	
APPORTIONMENT—			$12,415.24
U.L.C.A.	12,415.24		
Synodical Treasury	3,227.21		
Midland College	1,756.63		
TOTAL Apportionment		17,319.08	
Midland College gifts		335.00	2,091.63
Lutheran World Action		2,623.45	2,623.45
India Centennial		420.93	420.93
Board of American Missions		235.00	235.00
Foreign Missions		25.00	25.00
Ministerial Pension and Relief		68.00	68.00
Other Benevolences		160.69	160.69
Lutheran Student Work		553.50	553.50
Ministerial Education		305.68	1,055.68
Repayment a/c Ministerial Education		80.00	
Sales of Synodical Histories and Cuts		59.50	
Offerings at Synodical Convention		17.46	
Printing Minutes of Synod		70.00	307.90
Officers' Salaries and Expense Allowance			800.00
Executive Committee expense			225.90
Home Mission Committee expense			125.48
Mission Survey account			480.07
Other Committee Expenses			12.53
Postage and Stationery			46.99
Yosemite National Park Church			75.00
Sequoia National Park Church			50.00
California Lutheran Camp			124.10
Publishing Golden State Lutheran			155.31
Convention Travel Expense			339.90
Other Convention Expense			43.70
Per Diem Allowance U.L.C.A. Delegates			640.00
Vallejo Mission Account		7,492.50	7,000.00
		$31,425.52	$30,076.00
BALANCES—			
Synodical Treasury	646.33		
Mission Survey Fund	185.69		
Student Work Fund	25.00		
Vallejo Mission Fund	492.50		
TOTAL Cash Balance			1,349.52

HOME FOR AGED FUND

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on Hand January 1, 1942	1,716.39	
Payment on Principal	250.00	
Interest on Mortgage	36.00	
United States Bonds	125.00	
Savings Account	31.85	
Proceeds, Sale L.A. Invest. Co. Stock	1,712.41	
Gift, Mary and Martha, 1st Church, Oakland	250.00	
From M. E. Winemiller Estate	200.00	4,321.63
Cost, Collect. Mortgage Payments	1.75	
Taxes, Sierra Madre Property	206.50	208.25
BALANCE on Hand December 31, 1942		$ 4,115.38

CASH BALANCE	4,113.38
United States War Bonds	5,000.00
Mortgage on Stumpf Property	2,000.00
Total Gross Assets	$23,613.38

CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON FINANCIAL CONDITION
December 31, 1942

Cash in Synodical Treasury	$ 646.33	
Mission Survey Fund	185.69	
Student Work Fund	25.00	
Vallejo Mission Account	492.50	
TOTAL Cash Balance		$ 1,349.52
Notes Receivable		1,600.00
Home for Aged Fund, Gross Assets		$23,613.38
TOTAL GROSS ASSETS		$26,562.90

Respectfully submitted,

—WILLIAM B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California:

We have examined the books and accounts of Wm. B. Scheehl, treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, and find them correct and in order, and the balances of one thousand three hundred forty-nine dollars and fifty-two cents ($1,349.52) in the general treasury and four thousand one hundred thirteen dollars and thirty-eight cents ($4,113.38) in the Sierra Madre savings account to be in agreement with the balances as shown by the bank statements.

However, the committee is of the opinion that the Sierra Madre property is carried at an exorbitant value, the assessed value being $3,120.00. Also the notes receivable in the amount of $1,600.00 have been carried on the books for a long period of time and are now outlawed, which makes them of very questionable value.

Respectfully submitted,

—The Auditing Committee.
H. B. O'BRIEN,
O. W. WEIBEL.

The report, with auditors' endorsement, was adopted. Supplementary reports for the first four months of 1943 and of the payments by congregations on apportionment were received as information.

The Rev. J. Edward Hoick, D.D., presented the Necrologist's report.

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

Two of the clerical members of Synod entered the Church Triumphant during the past year: The Rev. William F. Holl and The Rev. George H. Hillerman, D.D. Three pastors' wives and the widow of a missionary from India fell asleep in Jesus. In the order of their departure they were: Elizabeth V. Artman, Martha Cate Weaver, Mary Fredrica Bell Ziegler, and Emma Seitsinger Leech.

John Christian Isham, son of The Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Isham, made the supreme sacrifice in the service of his country, November 13, 1942, when the U.S.S. Atlanta went down. His chief characteristics were his cheerfulness, devotion to duty, Christian faith, friendliness and service to others. His gold star shines in the service flag of the Trinity Church of Riverside.

The Rev. John Edward Hoick, D.D., will conduct a memorial service at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, assisted by Dr. D. J. Snyder, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Dr. E. A. Trabert and the Necrologist.

Respectfully submitted,

—HERBERT J. WEAVER, Necrologist.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz presented the Archivist's report.

Little activity has made the office to which I have been elected relatively easy. I have gone into the files on several occasions and briefly noted that the materials filed were interesting and of value.

Several copies of the minutes for the past year were filed. Some newspaper clippings and copies of the Golden State Lutheran have been preserved.

There have been suggestions that materials of the Women's Synodical also be ket with our present records. As a matter of information we might add that our present metal cabinet will soon be inadequate without any additional material from outside sources.

Since the metal case in which our present materials are filed, and since the women of Synod are thinking of a place for materials, it would seem to me wise to go in with the women and purchase a real fire-proof cabinet. This, of course, to be taken up after the duration.

Respectfully submitted,

—ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, Archivist.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

The Rev. Robert S. Romeis presented the Statistician's report:

The statistical sheets, posted at the convention of Synod, together with the following, constitute the report of the Statistician for 1942:

Reports were received from all congregations. Pastors are to be commended for the care with which they compiled their reports. Fewer corrections were necessary this year than any previous year to my knowledge.

The figures reported show definite progress in membership, finances, and benevolence. Especially noteworthy is the fact that the indebtedness of the congregations was decreased by over $26,000.00. On the other hand, the Sunday School situation and reports of organizations are not too encouraging.

A comparison of the more important totals follows:

	N. Conf.	S. Conf.	TOTAL
Baptized members	46 loss	280 gain	234 gain
Confirmed members	28 gain	267 gain	295 gain
Communing members	71 gain	171 gain	242 gain
S.S. Scholars	34 loss	554 loss	588 loss
Men's societies members	48 loss	77 loss	125 loss
Youth societies members	39 loss	296 loss	335 loss
Catechumens	28 loss	52 loss	80 loss
Property valuation	$ 5,046 gain	$ 2,404 loss	$ 2,642 gain
Congregational expense	$14,902 gain	$19,790 gain	$34,692 gain
Benevolence (apportioned)	$ 850 gain	$ 2,261 gain	$ 3,111 gain
Benevolence (unapportioned)	$ 1,278 gain	$ 931 gain	$ 2,209 gain

Respectfully submitted,

—ROBERT S. ROMEIS, Statistician.

Moved to amend that an asterisk be placed in front of S.S. scholars, men's society, Youth society, with a footnote giving the total number of young men and women in the armed forces of our country.

Motion prevailed to receive the constitution of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Vallejo, and refer it to committee on constitution, and that Pastor Walter Moeller be heard.

Pastor H. N. Thompson (ret.) was introduced to Synod.

Adjournment.

THIRD SESSION

Glendale, California, May 11, 1943—1:30 p.m.

The chaplain of convention conducted the devotional period.

The roll was called.

Three students from Gettysburg Seminary, Kraemer, T. Hanson, and Thompson, and two students from Western Seminary, Lorimore and Hansen, were introduced by president of Synod.

Pastor Farstrup of the Danish Lutheran Church brought greetings from his group.

Minutes of first and second sessions were read and adopted.

Report of the committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The report for Home of Aged was adopted.

The Rev. S. H. Yerian presented the report of committee on Circulation of "The Lutheran":

CIRCULATION OF "THE LUTHERAN"

Your committee wrote two letters to pastors of the respective congregations urging that "The Lutheran" be placed in every home. We asked that a committee be appointed or an organization be authorized to make a thorough canvass of the congregation.

The circulation department in Philadelphia informed me that 123 subscriptions were received. At this time the California Synod has 458 subscribers, and since the quota of the Synod is 488, we have reached 93.8 per cent.

Last year our campaign subscriptions reached only a total of 105. Last year our percentage was 77% against 93.8% this year. Mr. Arbogast, circulation manager, feels sure that next year we will go "over the top".

Your committee has appreciated the splendid cooperation of the pastors. The Holy Trinity Church in Morningside, by action of council, has placed the "Lutheran" in every home, and Rev. Swanson tells me that he has already found it a great benefit. Dr. Kohler of the Bethany Church writes me that each week they place ten copies of "The Lutheran" in a rack in the narthex of the church with fine response.

Your committee recommends (in accordance with the circulation department in Philadelphia) that a Synodical committee be appointed at this session of Synod, that next year the subscription list of "The Lutheran" will "go over the top".

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. YERIAN, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON TRACTS AND PUBLICATIONS

Plans for the year included distribution of tracts, and an exhibit of periodicals and publications of the United Lutheran Publication House at our Synodical convention, also the dissemination of information regarding the literature issued by the Publication House.

During the year sample copies of tracts were sent to each of the pastors of Synod, and a very discriminating review of one of the publications were prepared by Dr. Crouser.

However, on account of the shortage of labor, and the limitations placed upon the use of paper, the publication of tracts and books has been materially decreased, and the exhibit of literature was not found feasible.

Your committee recommends—

1. An expression of appreciation to the management of Publication House for the increasing character and quantity of religious literature, and the encouragement that is also given to capable writers in our denomination.

2. We recommend the more general use of the four-page bulletin folders. They are printed on an excelelnt quality of paper, and the contents are particularly appropriate to the activities of the U.L.C.A. Furthermore, the cost is but a fraction more than those issued by inter-denominational houses.

3. We recommend that pastors be urged to patronize the Publication House inasmuch as a special consideration is given to orders received from them.

Respectfully submitted,

—THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Rev. Wm. S. Dysinger presented this report:

The committee on the State of the Church is supposed to make a report of the state of the spiritual life of the members of the congregations within the bounds of California Synod from the reports that are presented to committees by pastors. This is a task that neither committee nor pastor could perform with any degree of accuracy. The spiritual life of a people is something else than the indication of their activity and prosperity and enthusiasm.

The Master says that "Not every one sayeth unto me Lord, shall I enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father which is in Heaven. . . . Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name and in Thy Name cast out devils? and in Thy Name have done wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity."

So that to determine the spiritual life of a congregation there must be something much more than a large increase of membership—a large congregation—finances in good shape. These may be good indications of the spirit life, but they may be the result of enthusiasm and interest through means that are purely selfish and mechanical. Which it is, the committee that considers the reports cannot possibly determine. Nor can the pastor who writes the report be sure of any marked degree of accuracy.

From our understanding of the Word the spiritual life of the congregation and of the individual is determined by their will to do His will, and by making the life conform in all its relations to the will of the Father who claims us as His children.

From the reports of a little over half of the pastors, there is an indication of growth in membership, in faithful attendance, in improved financial conditions, and in meeting responsibility in spreading the gospel to all nations by meeting the apportionment, and in some congregations that which is a better indication, giving in excess of apportionment. Many pastors have reported increase in salary and others report the congregation assuming to bear expenses that have heretofore been born by the pastor, These are favorable indications of increased spiritual life.

But the difference between the confirmed membership and the communicant membership certainly indicates a spiritual dearth. Then the column of "other losses" in the parochial report, which equals nearly half of the accessions in some congregations, and sometimes more in others, indicates either an extreme dearth in spiritual life or a woeful inability to assimilate these new members into the activities of the church. We are sometimes so busy in our effort to get new members that we fail to care for those that have already been received that they pass in one door and out the other.

The roll of the church may have a long list of names. The church consists of the body of believers who are faithful in the use of the means of grace, faithful in their personal devotions, their family devotions, their worship in God's house, their gifts as the Lord has prospered them, their efforts to win others into the kingdom. These are they who are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May such as these increase in our congregations, and may the under-shepherd increase in his efforts in "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. DYSINGER, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D., presented the report of the Transportation Commissioner:

REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER

Notwithstanding the restriction placed upon the use of passes due to the pressure of government business, your Transportation Commissioner reports that he was able to secure passes for members of the Executive Committee and Home Mission Committee for every meeting which was called, with the exception of one.

What the future holds in store is problematic, for restrictions are in-

creasing daily. It is well for the Synod to bear this in mind and to act accordingly.

As a Synod, we should express our thanks to the Southern Pacific Company, also to the Santa Fe Railroad, for providing the President of Synod with an annual pass; also the Southern Pacific Company for granting passes for meetings of the Executive and Home Mission Committees.

I recommend the Secretary of Synod be instructed to make this acknowledgement.

Respectfully submitted,

—EARNEST A. TRABERT,
Transportation Commissioner.

The report was adopted.

A twenty-minute recess was declared.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, representative of U.L.C.A., gave a presentation on the causes of the U.L.C.A.

Before adjournment a period of silent prayer was observed in behalf of the sick and bereaved, and in sacred memory of the sainted Home Mission Secretary, Dr. F. F. Fry. This period was concluded with the Lord's Prayer and benediction by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry.

EVENING SERVICE

Tuesday, May 11, 1943, 7:45 p.m.

Vesper services were conducted under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society. Members of the choir of First Church, Los Angeles, sang appropriate numbers.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, representing the United Lutheran Church in America, gave an inspiring address on the subject, "Multiples of One."

Following the evening service, a reception was given by the women of First Lutheran Church, Glendale.

Adjournment.

FOURTH SESSION

Glendale, California, May 12, 1943—9:00 a.m.

Devotions were conducted by Chaplain Clifford Holland, his subject, "Counting the Cost", being based on Luke 14:25.

President Beasom offered a prayer for the sick child of Pastor Claus.

Howard Logan, representing the Luther League work, was introduced to Synod. He brought greetings and spoke briefly concerning youth work in the Church.

Motion prevailed that the Committee on Resolutions be instructed to bring in a resolution covering the Church's care of its young people.

Dr. E. C. Farnham, executive secretary of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, was introduced. He addressed the convention briefly on problems and possibilities in the church.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The Secretary presented the report of the Executive Committee. A motion prevailed that the supplementary report be read first.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California in convention assembled; Reverend Sirs and Brothers:

Your Executive Committee for the year 1942-43 herewith presents a report of its activities since the last meeting of Synod. Five regular and two special meetings were held at the following places: St. John's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, following the close of Synod; King George Hotel, San Francisco, August 18, 1942; special meeting in the study of First Lutheran Lutheran Church, Glendale, October 2, 1942; regular meeting in the King George Hotel, San Francisco, January 26, 1943; special meeting of Hotel Sacramento, February 18, 1943; and a regular meeting in First Lutheran Church, Glendale, May 10, 1943.

Items of expense and bills allowed from time to time will be found in the Treasurer's report and will not be given here.

Secretary was instructed to secure the printing and distribution of the

usual number of copies of Synodical Minutes of the Fifty-First Convention. He was also authorized to secure the necessary stationery.

Your committee recommends that the names of L. Harshman, A. C. Knudten, Robert Kerstetter, H. C. Lindsay, Arthur W. Alm, Arthur Kaspereit, and Charles P. Smith be added to the roll of Synod.

The committee approved the following: First, the work of S. O. Thorlaksson under the direction of the Board of American Missions; Second, the negotiation and sale of the Stumpf property by F. C. Noel and The Rev. E. N. Spirer; Third, The sale of 234 shares of Los Angeles Investment Company stock for not less than $6.00 per share by F. C. Noel; Fourth, Solicitation of funds upon territory of Synod by Midland College, provided approval be first obtained from the Executive Board of U.L.C.A.; Fifth, Allocation of $50.00 from Mission Survey Fund for Vallejo work, and likewise $175.00 from the same fund for Santa Barbara work; Sixth, Payment of $124.00 bill from Lutheran Hospital Society for Lutheran Camp; Seventh, Purchase of $3,000.00 worth of Victory Bonds with money in Sierra Madre fund; Eighth, Increasing the per diem allowance of Louisville delegates $1.00 a day to counteract rising costs.

Officers of Synod were authorized to make application to, and borrow from the Board of American Missions, in accordance with rules governing the Church Extension Fund, the sum of $7,500.00 at four per cent per annum interest, said interest to be waived in lieu of classification of loan and payment under special plan. Said loan to be used for Vallejo mission. This loan was executed by officers of Synod, the first mortgage papers properly recorded.

The following were appointed to the committee on Social Missions: The Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler, chairman; and Rev. M. O. Lee. The Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler was appointed interim secretary by the Executive Committee, and the Rev. Robert S. Romeis was made a member of the executive committee.

Special action with regard to Western Seminary matter was left to our representative, instructing him to use his best judgment.

F. C. Noel and the Secretary were charged with the duty of securing an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to provide for perpetual existence of Synod. The following resolution was passed: "Resolved that Article 4 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California be, and the same is hereby amended to read in full as follows: 'THAT SAID INCORPORATION SHALL EXIST PERPETUALLY'."

The following distribution of apportionment funds is proposed:

U.C.L.A.	$2.35
California Synod	.70
Home Missions	.25
Midland College	.70
Total	$4.00

Proposed Budget for 1943-1944

Salaries and expense allowances—			
President	$600.00		
Secretary	100.00		
Treasurer	100.00		
Statistician	25.00		
Editor (Gold. St. Luth.)	25.00		
		$ 850.00	$ 850.00
Executive and Home Mission Committee expenses		400.00	375.00
Other Committees' expenses		50.00	50.00
Stationery, postage and printing		90.00	75.00
Synodical traveling expense, clerical		400.00	250.00
Synodical traveling expense, lay		600.00	
Other convention expense		50.00	50.00
Publishing Golden State Lutheran		250.00	225.00
Printing Minutes of Synod (less W.M.S. share)		325.00	275.00
Yosemite National Park Church		75.00	75.00
Sequoia National Park Church		50.00	50.00

Ministerial Education	1000.00	850.00
California Lutheran Camp	125.00	125.00
Per diem allowance U.L.C.A. Delegates (reserve)	320.00	512.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	500.00	
TOTAL	$5085.00	$3762.00

For California Home Missions	$ 1000.00	
For Midland College (70c per capita on 5857)	4100.00	$ 2214.00
United Lutheran Church apportionment	13362.00	12969.00
Total Proposed Budget	23347.00	18895.00
At $4.00 per communicant member on 5857 mem.	$$23428.00	

Readjusted budget adopted with percentages allocated. (See recommendation 5 of Executive Report below).

Synodical Treasury	21½%	$ 5,036.00
Calif. Home Missions	4½%	1,054.00
Midland College	17½%	4,100.00
United Lutheran Church	56½%	13,238.00
		$23,428.00

Recommendations

1. That By-Law 11, Item 7 (page 21) be amended by inserting the words "and Lay Delegates" so as to read "Pastors and Lay Delegates".

2. That the proposed budget be adopted.

3. That the apportionment be set at $4.00 per communicant member.

4. That the Committee on Constitution be instructed to prepare an amendment to the By-Laws, providing the holding of Synod on the fourth Tuesday in January.

5. That Synod request all ministers accepting chaplaincies to tender their resignations to the congregations they have been serving and that these congregations accept these tendered resignations in the interest of the well-being and progress of the whole church.

Respectfully submitted,

—THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report was received and recommendations considered seriatim:

Recommendation 1 was adopted.

Recommendation 2 was adopted as per supplementary readjusted budget with percentages allocated.

Recommendation 3 was adopted.

Recommendation 4 was lost.

Recommendation 5. Motion prevailed to amend this recommendation by the preface of this statement: "In harmony with the pronouncement of the Executive Board of the U.L.C.A." the Synod requests, etc. Adopted as amended.

Moved to adjourn as Synod and take up supplemental report later. Carried.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Rev. John Edward Hoick presided at the memorial service, assisted by the Rev. D. J. Snyder, the Rev. H. J. Weaver, and Mrs. John Edward Hoick.

The following were memorialized: The Rev. Wm. F. Holl; The Rev. George H. Hillerman, D.D.; Mrs. Elizabeth V. Artman; Mrs. Martha Cate Weaver; Mrs. Mary Frederica Bell Ziegler; Mrs. Emma Seitsinger Leech, and Lt. John Christian Isham, who died in active duty in his country's service. The Rev. H. I. Kohler, D.D., offered the memorial prayer.

IN MEMORIAM

THE REV. WILLIAM FREDERICK HOLL died in a Los Angeles hospital, after a brief illnes, on November 2, 1942. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Dr. Daniel J. Snyder, November 5, and he was laid to rest in Sunnyside Memorial Park, Long Beach.

William Frederick Holl was born near Berlin, Germany, March 7, 1861. With his parents, at the age of four, he came from his native land to Mexico. Some years later the family located in Boston, Mass., and in that city the son obtained his early education. His college training was received in a Missouri Synod institution, and in 1888 he was graduated from the Chicago Seminary at Maywood, Illinois.

In 1889 he was united in marriage to Freda Rundgren, who, with three children, survives: Alma Linton, Seattle, Wash; James Holl, Long Beach, Calif., and Theodore Holl of Sitka, Alaska.

Pastor Holl specialized in organization and home mission work, and all of his ministry, with the exception of three years in Nova Scotia, was spent in the Pacific Synod, where several congregations stand as a memorial to his labors.

After retiring from the active ministry in 1935, he and his wife moved to Long Beach. They united with Trinity Church, and through the years Pastor Holl was a faithful member, assisting wherever and however he could in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. "For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."—Acts 11:24.

THE REV. GEORGE HINES HILLERMAN, D.D.

"I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."—Ps. 23:6.

The Rev. George Hines Hillerman, D.D., was born at Malvern, Ohio, November 25, 1868. He graduated from Wittenberg College in 1892, and from Hamma Divinity School in 1896, having spent a year at his trade as a sheet metal worker. The romance of his college and seminary days was consummated in his being married to Miss Lola Frye on August 20, 1896. The next day the bridal couple left for their first field of service in Riverside, California. Here he revived a struggling mission and erected the present church edifice. Later he served as pastor in Redlands, San Diego, Oakland, and Pasadena.

In each of these churches he built up the spiritual life of his people, decreased debts, and increased the grace of giving to the world-wide work of the church.

For nineteen years Dr. Hillerman served Synod as its efficient secretary, and for more than two score years he has been one of the leaders in the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in California.

The Board of American Missions, recognizing his abilities, called him from his pastorate in Oakland to be a general superintendent of missions. especially in the Western district. In this office he labored diligently and effectively for ten years. Then he devoted several years to Bible lectures in our churches up and down the coast. For this he was eminently fitted by his life-long studies of the Greek Testament and his rich experiences as a winner of souls.

Receiving a call to become pastor of Trinity Church in Pasadend, he accepted and spent four years in active, strenuous service, and then several more years as pastor emeritas, until God called him on April 13, 1943, to His heavenly home.

Besides his devoted wife, three daughters and two sons survive, one of whom is the Rev. G. Herbert Hillerman, now serving as missionary pastor in Juneau, Alaska.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIUM

The annual meeting of the ministerium was held on May 12, 1943, at 11:15 a.m.

Meeting opened with prayer by Albert B. Schwertz.

Examining Committee reported as follows:

1. That Candidate John B. Nield be recommended for ordination.

2. That Candidate August S. Claus be recommended for ordination.

3. That Candidate Paul A. Wolpert be allowed to appear before the examining committee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and, upon their favorable report to the examining committee, recommend him to the Executive Committee of Synod for ordination.

Moved that, in view of the emergency which has arisen due to a lack of pastors, we recommend that the Executive Committee, after an adequate colloquium with the candidate and recommendation from the Examining Committee, be authorized to license men found to be qualified.

Adjournment with prayer by William H. Derr.

FIFTH SESSION

Glendale, California, May 12, 1943—2:00 p.m.

Devotions were conducted by Orval Awerkamp, his subject being "The Two Sides of God."

The roll was called.

Minutes of the third and fourth sessions were read and approved.

Report of committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

Tellers reported the re-election of James P. Beasom, Jr., as president of Synod.

Howard A. Anspach presented the report of the Home Mission committee:

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Meetings of the committee were held during the year as follows: May 19, Los Angeles; August 18, San Francisco; November 3, Los Angeles; January 26, San Francisco.

Advances have been most gratifying. One new field has been entered, where property has been purchased, and where the organization of a congregation will have been effected prior to the convention of Synod. As the result of a visit to the east by the synodical president, and consequent direct contact between our Board of American Missions office and Washington authorities, priorities for two new church buildings have been assured, and work on both is expected to be started soon. One congregation has become self-supporting. Progress in nearly all missions has been quite marked.

Vallejo—Following some preliminary work by Missionary Smith, believing that priorities would be forthcoming through cooperation of the local board, a $3,500 church site was selected, and at the insistence of the president of Synod, the Board of American Missions agreed to advance a loan for its purchase, the synodical Women's Missionary Society having made a gift of $500 as first payment upon the solicitation of the president. Board Missionary Moeller arrived upon the field in September. Since neither a suitable temporary meeting place, nor living quarters could be found, and since it developed that priority could not immediately be secured through the local board for erection of a chapel, a residence was purchased and furnished, the Board of American Missions again advancing a loan to make this possible. One large room was converted into a chapel with a seating capacity of seventy-five; other rooms were equipped for Sunday School purposes, and the pastor's family occupies the remainder of the house. A statement of the financial transaction is given herewith:

Receipts—		
From the synodical treasurer, Board loan		$7,249.82
From the synodical Women's Missionary Society		500.00
From the synodical Women's Missionary Society to go toward cost of chairs		20.00
From W. B. Scheehl for Parish Register		15.00
Funds raised locally—to balance		441.11
Disbursements—		
To Russell O'Hara for Lot 80, Emerald Terrace	$3,500.00	
Transaction expenses	42.16	
To Rees Skinner, down payment on house (balance FHA loan)	3,000.00	
Transaction expenses	287.12	
Furniture and fixtures for chapel and Sunday School rooms	635.25	
Furniture and fixtures for living quarters	761.40	
Totals	$8,225.93	$8,225.93

With priorities now assured the building of a $5,000 chapel is expected to be started soon.

Inglewood—Priorities are now assured for materials to the erection of a church building, and building is expected to begin as soon as necessary modifications in the plans are made. This will give the needed sense of permanency to the congregation, and an added impetus to the work. The Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, who organized Holy Trinity and served in this field as a Board missionary until September, was then regularly called as pastor of the congregation. The congregation has repaid the Board of American Missions $3,500 advanced for the lot, and now has in the bank $5,000 as a building loan from the Board. Appropriation on salary, $1,800.

Richmond—Grace Church, which received $450 on the pastor's salary last year, has become self-supporting, and we hereby offer our heartiest congratulations to Pastor Awerkamp and his people. A large influx of war workers has added to the ministry of the congregation, and help has been given in the person of a lay worker through the officers of the National Lutheran Council.

San Diego—While this congregation has not been of mission status due to conditions in the congregation and the large increase of population in the city, greatly increasing the work and expenses of the pastor, applications for aid on salary were approved for $500 for 1942 and $300 for 1943. The congregation has taken a new lease on life, and is developing great vigor and manifesting a new spirit under the leadership of Pastor Vosseler. Its benevolence record is most laudible.

Santa Monica—Following lengthy negotiations through several years, a satisfactory arrangement for handling the indebtedness of the congregation to the Board of American Missions has been reached. Pastor Holand, whose status has been that of Board Missionary, is now the regular pastor of St. Paul's by call of the congregation.

Santa Barbara—The Rev. Francis C. Pryor became pastor here after a long vacancy in the pastorate, and though Santa Barbara definitely is not on the list of boom cities, attendance is definitely on the increase, and there are other indications that the new leadership is sowing for a good harvest. An emergency appropriation of $175 was granted the congregation out of synodical funds, and the salary appropriation for the calendar year is $700.

St. John's, Oakland—A reduction of $125 in support of the Board for this year, which is typical of annual reductions since the pastorate of Dr. Herold began, witnesses to the steadily increasing development of this congregation toward the day of complete self-support. Dr. Herold retires from the active pastorate May 1, and a graduating student from Gettysburg will likely have been called by Synod time.

Beverly Hills—An appropriation of $250 for Community, which is expected to be the last for this congregation, places this mission upon the list of those marked "very satisfactory", for it will have achieved self-support in ten years as to pastor's salary, and its building was dedicated free of debt.

Temple, San Francisco—A reduction of $60.00 in the appropriation. The

congregation, while not showing much growth, is taking its place regularly with other congregations of the area, in ministering to the service men, and for its numbers, is productive of many good works. The Board suggests as a mission project of Synod, the painting of the building from offerings of the congregations of Synod. Appropriation, $300 00.

St. Paul's, Los Angeles—The Rev. A. L. Gloseclose has served as interim pastor since August. Plans are under way to re-establish this congregation upon a firm foundation.

Bethel, San Jose—The Rev. Arthur E. Kaspereit became pastor of this congregation about February 1. The Home Mission Committee has been given a grant of $65.00 per month for the year by the Board of American Missions for advancing mission work in San Jose, and these funds are being disbursed by the committee through Bethel congregation. Provision has been made for the immediate return to the congregation of the parsonage which had been deeded to a former pastor. Student Harold Lorimer served the congregation during the past summer.

St. Francis Woods, San Francisco, has been visited by members of the committee, and arrangements have been made for its immediate occupancy and the Rev. Henry Scherer has been called by the Board, and will be on the field to begin work by June 1.

Loans—The entire morgaged indebtedness of Bethany, Los Angeles, has been reorganized and accepted by the Board and approved by your synodical committee. A renewal of a $500 loan to the Sanger congregation was approved. Hollywood and Glendale congregations are to be congratulated on having repaid their mortgages to the Board in full.

The Regional Home Mission Councils in our territory have provided, under the direction of Pastor Hoyer of the National Lutheran Council, lay missionaries for the following fields: San Diego, San Pedro, Richmond, Vallejo, and Fontana. In this latter field the council has been authorized to urge its occupancy as of May 1, by the Augustana Synod. Augustana failing to act by this date, the field becomes open to our Synod for immediate inauguration of work.

The report was adopted.

Howard A. Anspach presented the supplementary report of the Home Mission Committee:

Supplementary Report of Home Missions Committee

It was agreed that a survey be made in Southwest San Jose for the purpose of establishing a new mission, and that a survey also be made in Northeast Long Beach.

The report was adopted.

The tellers reported the election of E. A. Vosseler as secretary of Synod.

The secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the convention for William B. Scheehl for treasurer of Synod.

Recess

Tellers reported the election of Robert S. Romeis as statistician.

Pastor Qualen of United Norwegian Lutheran Church was introduced to the convention.

Albert B. Schwertz was elected archivist of Synod.

Robert E. Paden was elected lay member on the Executive Committee.

The secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for W. E. Lebold on the Home Mission Committee.

Earnest A. Trabert was elected clerical member of the Home Mission Committee.

The secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for F. C. Noel on the Executive Committee.

A motion prevailed that two trustees be elected to Midland College instead of one, in accordance with the wishes of the college.

Moved that the preceding motion be tabled, including the election of the regular trustee.

E. A. Vosseler presented the report of the Committee on Social Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MISSIONS

The present day world condition has a vital bearing on conditions that are existant in all our congregations and the areas in which they are located. As a church, we cannot, and we dare not, close our eyes to these conditions that are becoming more increasingly serious and tragic in all their aspects.

There are some problems and opportunities for the church always. Foremost among them is evangelism. Increasing emphasis, especially in our California Synod, should be laid on this work. Delinquency and juvenile delinquency has reached alarming proportions in some areas, while at the same time, attendance at Sunday School and at church services remains static, and, in some instances is decreasing. Certainly these two must be related. Unless the church does something in the field of evangelism and does it without hesitation, we shall witness a wave of crime and lawlessness following this war that has never been paralleled.

The concentration of many people in new areas and centers, such as soldiers in camps and workers in industrial centers, presents serious problems. Drunkeness and immorality are increasing unchecked and unimpeded; family life is seriously disrupted; evils find ready entrance into the home which is the first unit in God's government; war marriages are numerous and often hastily entered into; mothers take up lucrative positions often leaving the care ond oversight of their children in careless and indifferent hands.

The church desires peace. However, it must be said that she has failed to make the necessary spiritual impact upon society in the past. This lamentable failure has produced many woes that we find in the world today. If she is to be a spiritual power and leavening force in the future, she must repent of her sins and lamentable shortcomings and seek her first love. The message of John to the seven churches is especially timely: "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches!"

The church sould make every effort to have the settlement after this war rest on Christian foundations, so as to give to the world an enduring peace. To this end, all Christians must repent, pray, study, and work.

Fortunate indeed is our lot since we have in our United Lutheran Church an able Board of Social Missions which offers us much valuable information, counsel and services, of which we should make good use.

Recommendations

1. That the matter of allocating special seminary students to be sent to our Synod by the Board of American Missions be left to the Committee on Social Missions.
2. That Missions on Evangelism be conducted by Director Oscar W. Carlson in strategic centers of Synod.
3. That in view of the great influx of people to California we utilize this new opportunity of gathering in new souls into our churches and thus keep their membership alive.
4. That we cooperate with all community agencies which seek to relieve human distress and prevent immorality, drunkeness and other evils.
5. That pastors, and others qualified, offer their assistance to local judges and other officials in cases of paroling and probation of youth and adults.
6. That the conducting of Institutes on Social Problems, in several Synodical centers, be given earnest consideration.
7. That classes for the study of peace and post-war problems be organized in our congregations. (Nolde's "Christian World Action" is good).
8. That the National Lutheran Council be given hearty support for distressed and orphaned missions and in the rehabilitation of Lutheran Church Work in countries ravished by war.
9. That, as recommended by the U.C.L.A. Board of Social Missions, this Synod give serious consideration to the creation of a Synodical Board of Social Missions "which would have as its objectives, surveying the Social Mission needs on the territory, and assisting in the organization of Social

Mission societies, agencies or institutions as the need would be revealed."

Respectfully submitted,

—THE COMMITTEE,
ERWIN A. VOSSELER, Chairman.

Motion prevailed to consider recommendations of Social Missions report seriatim.

1. Moved that the word "Home" Missions be substituted for "Social" Missions. Adopted.

Recommendation 1 as amended.

Recommendation 2 and 3 adopted.

Recommendation 4. Word "all" be stricken out. Adopted as amended.

Recommendations 5, 6, 7, 8 adopted.

Recommendation 9. Moved to refer to Committee on Constitution.

Report was adopted as a whole.

The trustee to Midland College gave his report. It was moved that in the first item the words "guaranteeing its appropriation" be substituted to read "as supporting the college and seminary with ever-increasing gifts."

The report was adopted as amended.

Dr. George J. Dorn presented the report of the Committee on Constitution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Your committee submits the following report:

The constitution of the newly organized St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Vallejo, referred to this committee for examination and approval. The committee finds the constitution in harmony with the constitution of the Synod and of the United Luheran Church in America and only suggests that the word "ceremony" on page 5, line 4, be changed to "service".

The committee submits to the Convention for action the following amendments on page 30 and 31 of the printed minutes, notice for which was submitteed last year.

III ARTICLE ONE—"The Synod".
Section III The Membership.
A.—Congregations, page 3, add paragraph 4 to read:
"Each congregation shall file a copy of its Constitution with the Archivist of the Synod."

IV. ARTICLE SIX—Standing Committees".
Section VI—The Examining Committee, paragraph 2. Strike out entire paragraph and submit the following:
2. It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine all candidates for ordination or otherwise in the following subjects: Personal Piety and Motives for Entering the Ministry, Apologetics, Systematic Theology. Hebrew and Greek Exegesis. Church History, Biblical Introduction, Biblical Criticism, Symbolics, Catechetics, Liturgics, Pastoral Theology, Homeletics. Church Government and Missions, subject to the provisions of Article VII, Sections 1 and 2. and "to which", so as to read, "and the President of the Conference

V. ARTICLE THREE, Section V, 1.
To insert the words "other than that" between the words "Conference" other than that to which the President of the Synod belongs."

Respectfully submitted.

—THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the notice to amend, per minutes of 1942, pages 30-31, now be the action of the convention.

Respectfully submitted.

—J. GEORGE DORN.

Henry Irving Kohler presented the Report of Social Missions Committee of Southern California.

REPORT OF SOCIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE OF SOUTHERN CALIF.

The Social Mission Society was organized as Inner Mission Society of Los Angeles, October 13, 1931. And in keeping with the action and progress of the United Lutheran Church in America, has become the Social Mission Society of Southern California, and by action of the Synod is now a recognized auxiliary. Also, by action of the Board of Managers, is a member of the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America, an affiliate of the National Lutheran Council Welfare Department.

Dr. Kohler, president, will represent the society at the biennial welfare conference and national conference of social work, in Detroit, Michigan, and Cleveland, Ohio, May 22-28, 1943.

The report for the year, financially is the best in the history, with a balance in the treasury April 1, 1943, of $2,020.80. Paid memberships total nearly two hundred at $1.00 annually. These funds are sacredly coveted for post-war objectives. As one of three beneficiaries of the Samaritan Society, Inc., we have received in round numbers $2,000.00 during the year, which we gratefully acknowledge.

This society also is a member of the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America, is sending our president, who is also their president, to the biennial welfare conference.

The Reformation Sunday annual vesper meeting at First English Lutheran Church, with Dr. John B. Nield as speaker, was inspiring and successful. The women who are members of the board of managers served delicious refreshments.

The case work for the year has been less due to increased prosperity, but where aid was given the need was most worthy and gratefully acknowledged. In the words of one recipient, "Your society should be christened 'The In-as-Much'."

The officers of the past year were all re-elected, Henry Irving Kohler, D.D., president; Caroline Enders Young, vice-president; Mrs. J. M. Troller, secretary; S. H. Yerian, D.D., treasurer.

The report was adopted.

Earnest A. Trabert presented the report of the Foreign Mission Committee.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSSION COMMITTEE

Notwithstanding the world upheaval the work of making the Gospel known throughout the world goes forward. All of the mission fields of the United Lutheran Church are continuing their activities, with the exception of that in Japan, which is now completely closed, and all missionaries safely evacuated. Due to the transportation problem practically no missionaries are being sent out, and few are able to return. There are a number awaiting transportation, and our South American field has been able to receive a limited number. Our missionaries now interned in the Santung Province, China, which is under Japanese control, have been announced to be safe at the present time, but are unable to carry on their work except through native workers. The effort is still being made to repatriate them.

During the year the chairman of the committee has from time to time communicated with all of the pastors and congregations of the Synod in regard to our foreign mission work. Literature has been mailed to them, and an appeal was made to all to secure the literature provided by the Board of Foreign Missions. It is to be regretted that of the thirty-seven congregations in the Synod only fourteen applied for and secured this literature, and the result is that the special appeal for our South American work was neglected.

The Board of Foreign Missions communicated with the chairman of the committee suggesting that one of our retired missionaries be placed in California as a resident to visit and canvass each congregation. After consulting with others, also the officers of the Women's Missionary Society, it was deemed unwise at this present time, and the board was so informed. The fact that we now have two such returned missionaries within the state,

the one in the north and the other in the south, seemed to preclude the coming of another.

The request is made that the chairman of the committee be granted fifteen minutes to present the very latest developments in our foreign work. It must not be forgotten, even in these days of stress, that the work of foreign missions is the basic work of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The results of adhering to our task and maintaining the Gospel in distant lands is now producing its blessed results not only in the lands into which we have entered, but also in the lives of our forces which are located in many of these lands. Rich testimony has come from the officers and men of the United States Army concerning the benefits which Christian missionary work has effected all over the world.

In connection with my work, I have had no expense but postage, which amounted to $2.89.

Respectfully submitted.
—THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.
EARNEST A. TRABERT, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The four young men that were voted aid at the last convention have been given the respective amounts during the last school year.

One of them, Paul Henry Wolpert, of the First Church in Oakland, has finished the complete course at Mt. Airy Seminary and will return to California to assume charge of one of our churches.

Another, Harold J. Lorimer, of the Grace Church in San Jose, has completed the second year at Western Seminary.

Elvin Hansen of the First Church of Fresno, has finished the first year in Western Seminary. He will return to California for the summer and will be available for supply work.

George A. Spindt of Trinity Church of Pasadena, has finished the first year in Northwestern Seminary. He will also return to California for the summer and will be available for supply work.

Albert Alsop of the Hollywood Church returned to Fremont last year, and has finished the first year in Western Seminary. He will spend the summer in Alaska under commission of the Board of American Missions. He made no application for aid last year and is making none this year.

R. H. Drummond, a member of First Church of Los Angeles, has completed the first and second years in Gettysburg Seminary without aid from our Synod. He is, however, making application for aid in his senior year to the amount of $250.00.

We recommend that Harold J. Lorimer be granted $250.00 for the school year of 1943-44; that Elvin Hansen be granted $250.00 for the school year 1943-44; that George A. Spindt be granted $250.00 for the school year 1943-44; that Richard Henry Drummond be granted $250.00 to finish his seminary course at Gettysburg.

Respectfully submitted,
—THE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Ministerial Education Committee was considered. It was moved to amend the report "that in the face of rising costs, all students be granted $250.00 each." Motion to amend was lost.

Motion prevailed to adopt the report as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod reported. The motion prevailed that the "Church Extension Society of Southern California be recognized as an auxiliary of Synod." Report was adopted.

Pastor F. C. Pryor offered the prayer before adjournment.

Recess was declared.

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry addressed the convention on the subject: "The U.L.C.A."

EVENING SERVICE, MAY 12, 1943—7:45 p.m.

Vespers were conducted under auspices of the Lutheran Brotherhood, The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., presiding. A male quartette selection and an anthem by the choir of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, were presented. In the absence of Dr. Fred C. Weigman, whose arrival was delayed, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, representative of U.L.C.A., was introduced by Synod Brotherhood President Mr. George Weisman. Dr. Fry gave an inspiring address on the subject, "The Pillar and Ground of the Truth."

Reception and business meeting for men, and a reception for women were held, separately, following the service.

SIXTH SESSION

Glendale, California, May 13, 1943—9:00 a.m.

Chaplain Clifford Holand conducted the devotional period, using as his subject, "The Last Judgment", based on Matthew 24:31-46. Dr. Fred C. Weigman, president of Midland College, was introduced.

Pastor George J. Busdiecker, representing the American Lutheran Church, brought greetings from his group.

Greetings from Iowa Synod were read.

Minutes of the fifth session, the memorial service, and the evening service were read and approved.

Moved that committee on Reference and Counsel be given right of way in program.

William B. Scheehl presented the report on Claims Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

Your committee approves the following claims for transportation, totaling $144.97, and further items of expense of the officers and committees, total amount approved $199.15.

Berkeley St. Michael's	$ 13.09
Fresno, St. Paul's	4.79
Fresno, Wartburg	11.40
Oakland, First	11.65
Richmond, Grace	11.50
San Francisco, First	6.68
San Francisco, St. Mark's	18.42
San Francisco, Temple	13.09
San Jose, Grace	8.75
Phoenix, Grace	32.23
Redlands, First	1.50
San Bernardino, First	2.64
San Diego, First	4.50
Santa Barbara, Grace	2.88
Rev. D. J. Snyder	.67
Total Travel Allowance	$144.97
W. B. Scheehl, Treasurer's Expense Attending Convention	21.09
Rev. E. A. Trabert, Foreign Mission Committee Expense	2.89
Rev. E. A. Trabert, Transportation Commissioner's Expense	2.70
Rev. A. B. Schwertz, Stewardship Committee Expense	1.50
Rev. J. George Dorn, Constitution Committee Expense	1.00
Ethel Harthan	10.00
Ann Zuelow	10.00
William Heilman	5.00
Total Expenses	$199.15

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM B. SCHEEHL.

The report was adopted.

Albert B. Schwertz presented the report of the Committee on Stewardship.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

Your newly-elected chairman to this committee circularized the Synod three times relative to stepping up the Stewardship program.

Two occasions we encouraged the use of the materials issued by the Lutheran Laymen's Movement. Materials were ordered by practically every pastor. Laymen in congregations with vacant pulpits were written and urged to order these helps. The response was gratifying.

The figures below, we feel, are the best index to the response given your Stewardship Committee during the past three years:

Date	No. of Cong.	Pd. 100% and over	Regular App. Pd.	Reg. Pct. App. Pd.	Special Ben. Pd.
1940	36	18	$13,564.71	84.2%	$1,957.02
1941	38	20	$14,389.46	83.7%	$1,795.71
1942	38	23	$17,399.08	92.2%	$4,188.07

May God grant that this march of progress in stewardship continue.

Respectfully submitted,
—ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ.

The report was adopted.

Henry Irving Kohler presented the report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Letters of greeting were received from the Rev. Homer L. Bosserman and Layman H. Craig Raup, 716 Metson Street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. We acknowledge with reciprocity and grateful respect.

We request that the secretary reply to the letter of brother Bosserman and extend our sympathy in the loss of his home, furnishings and personal effects, together with his fine library, stamp collection valued at $1,000, with a total loss of approximately $3,500, and that a reply to the letter of Layman Raup acknowledging his interest and that he be honored with a copy of the Minutes of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
—THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee has read with deep interest and appreciation the report of our president, and rejoices with him in the many signs of progress within the missions and churches of our Synod, not only in the outward material improvement in equipment, but in the spiritual growth of our Church as it evidences itself in the contributions to benevolence and to special appeals of our war-torn world.

On the basis of his report, we would make the following recommendations: 1. That we join in thanksgiving to Almighty God for His goodness and His manifold blessings in building us into great opportunities for service in the many areas of our Synod. 2. That we request every congregation of Synod to take advantage, to the full, of the evangelistic and missionary privileges of the rapidly growing communities in the shadow of their own walls. 3. That we record our gratitude to the Board of American Misisons for their definite support of our efforts in the sending of men to man the newly established missions and the young seminarians to help in garnering the harvest. 4. That we urge every congregation in Synod to support its pastor and officers in realizing the goal of at least $1.00 per communicant member as its minimum contribution to the Lutheran World Action Appeal on May 23. 5. That we thank our president for his aggressive approach to the problems of Synod and for his untiring efforts in the successful realization of our hopes and dreams for a rich service to our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,
—HENRY F. SCHMIDT.

The report was adopted.

Henry Schmidt presented the report of Committee on Minutes of Synod.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

A thorough examination of the printed minutes of the Fifty-First Convention indicates that exceptional care was exercised by the secretary in the preparation of the minutes and in the presentation of condensed reports. The committee commends the secretary for his excellent copy.

In so far as we have been able to discover, all matters referred to in the resolutions of the convention have been acted upon by the respective committees to which they were referred.

Respectfully submitted,

—THE COMMITTEE,
HENRY F. SCHMIDT, Chairman.

In this connection a motion prevailed to amend that the Church Extension Society of Southern California be recognized as an auxiliary of the Synod.

The report was adopted as amended.

H. Paul Romeis presented the report of the Parish and Church School secretary.

REPORT OF PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL SECRETARY

The outstanding event of the year in the church school work of our Synod was the visit of the Rev. Erwin S. Spees, associate secretary of the Parish and Church School Board, October 29 to November 9, inclusive. He held eight meetings, three in the Northern Conference and five in the Southern; twenty congregations were represented with a total attendance of 273. Total offering was $53.39. These meetings, though in no sense the best possible, do represent the best effort in this field in recent years; and do, we hope, indicate a growing sense of the vital importance of the parish education program among our congregations and pastors.

This year it will be our privilege to have the Rev. Earl S. Rudisill as the Board's representative on our territory October 17 to 25, inclusive, for a series of meetings stressing the adult work and parent education. A tentative itinerary has been arranged and will be confirmed at this meeting of Synod. Again we ask the cooperation of every pastor and congregation for the success of these meetings.

However, our record as a Synod in parish education work this year has not been good. Only twelve leadership training credit cards have been issued in California Synod, and all of those in one congregation: First, San Bernardino; only fifty-five persons are receiving "The Parish School" magazine, and only a very small number of congregations respond to the statistical report on Parish Education, thus giving to the Church at large a misleading picture of our education program.

Your secretary passes on to you some of the Board's suggestions for improving the education program in your congregation:

1. Appoint a Parish Education Committee or Cabinet to promote this work.
2. Secure new subscribers to "The Parish School", and use this magazine in your Sunday School meetings.
3. Promote Parish Education Month—"God Reaching".
4. Support the parish education meetings under Secretary Rudisill, planned for this fall.
5. Improve your leadership through leadership training classes in the congregation, community schools, and summer schools.
6. Promote weekday and Vacation Church Schools.
7. Improve catechetical instruction.
8. Prepare now to install and promote the use of the new series of Sunday School lessons which is being prepared in conjunction with other Lutheran bodies.

9. Follow a definite plan of parish education in your congregation. Christian education was never more needed than today.

Respectfully submitted,

—H. PAUL ROMEIS, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Henry Irving Kohler presented the report of Committee on Women's Organizations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ORGAIZATIONS

"What can the women do?" is no longer a mooted question. The global war has given woman suffrage an enviable place, both nationally and internationally, and if predictions are fulfilled and the war continues, seventy per cent of our women will be filling the places of responsibility and of necessity to make effective the military objectives in an effort to recruit our armed forces for maximum strength.

Replies to a questionnaire from nearly every congregation in the Synod brought valuable information. Thirty-six congregations reported from one to four women's organizations, some organized under one head with co-operating units, called various names, such as "The Women of the Church", "Ladies Aid Society", "Altar Guild", Dorcan Society", "Mary and Martha Society", including all of the Women's and Young Women's Missionary Societies bearing kindred names and memoralizing individuals worthy of honor in missionary endeavor and enterprise. The total membership is over one thousand members and their activities are practically the same with noted exceptions where we now have Lutheran Service Centers.

The emergency has also placed a new emphasis on women's work through their societies, and for the duration, at least, Red Cross activities and allied community interests afford far-reaching opportunities with the church as the center where the premium is placed upon influence for good in a humanitarian united effort.

The social action in defense areas has claimed the interest of our women. A limited number of societies have originated programs and methods of work to meet the emergency. One such is called "The Victory Plan". This plan is a challenge to the whole congregation to unite in an all-out effort to liquidate the indebtedness of the church by each member voluntarily giving one dollar or more per month and becoming a member of the Victory Club, sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society of the congregation. The plan is bringing funds and creating interest far greater than any previous methods of work in the congregation.

Some of the reports are gratifying with respect to the assistance that the women's societies are giving the pastor in calling upon the new members and in personal work among the unchurched and the lapsed members. We most heartily endorse this kind of work as we believe the women can reach many homes and through their influence bring new members into the Kingdom of God and the Church of Christ, that otherwise may never be reached At a time such as this there are "lonely hearts to be cherished", sad homes, and who can better minister in the name of Christ and His Church than consecrated women of whom it has been said, "The last at the Cross and the First at the tomb."

The report of the Women's Missionary Societies will be a part of the Minutes of Synod, therefore, we are not including it with this report. We would suggest that a study be made of the U.L.C.A. objective for one women's organization in each congregation, with respective units of operation and wherever possible we commend the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

—THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

J. George Dorn presented the report of the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

Midland College has weathered another year under the stress of a nation at war.

The College is deeply appreciative of the splendid support which our Synod has given. The College is giving a good account of its stewardship under trying conditions. The following items are gleaned from the president's report, as worthy of note:

1. Increased Synodical support. Our own Synod is listed with Nebraska, Iowa, and Pacific Synods as guaranteeing its appropriations to the College and Seminary.

2. The total enrollment in this College was 314, with an additional enrollment of 93 in special schools exclusive of the Seminary, which had 26, and the summer school, which had 161. The grand total enrollment was 594 compared with 617 last year.

3. Faculty Salaries. The salaries are approximately the same as they were ten years ago when they were reduced about forty per cent. The average salary paid is about $1,500 for a nine-month term. The president pleads that this condition be corrected at once and the salaries be brought to a level paid by other colleges of from $2,000 to $2,400.

4. The War Manpower Commission is investigating the facilities of the College and will announce its decision soon if the College can be used for the Army and Navy training program.

5. The Western Seminary, under Dean Thomas A. Rinde, has expereinced an unprecedented growth. Twenty-six students are now enrolled. The property is in the best of condition.

6. During the year Dean W. F. Zimmerman accepted the presidency of Thiel College and in his place Herman Gimmestad, dean of men since 1933, has been elected.

Your trustee recommends that you approve the increase requested by the College and proposed by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

—J. GEORGE DORN, Trustee.

In connection with this report, Dr. Fred C. Weigman, president, was introduced and presented the claims of the college.

Motion prevailed to substitute the words "as supporting the College and Seminary with ever-increasing gifts" for the words "as guaranteeing its appropriation to the College and Seminary."

Report was adopted with this substitution.

Motion prevailed that the Trustee be instructed to report that Synod favors the arrangement of dual trustee representation of Synod on Midland College Board of Trustees.

Edward J. Oslund reported on the number of men and women of our congregations in the armed forces of our country. He reported that 1108 men and women of the Synod are in the service.

The report was adopted.

Motion prevailed that H. C. Lindsay be heard concerning an adequate program for service men.

Edward Quest Showers of Louisville, Kentucky, great grandson of the founder of Lutheranism in Kentucky and Tennessee, was introduced by his former pastor, H. C. Lindsay.

Tellers reported the election of Albert B. Schwertz to the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

Recess

Dr. Franklin Clark Fry addressed the Convention on Lutheran World Action.

Adjournment and prayer by Dr. E. A. Trabert.

SEVENTH SESSION

The devotional service was conducted by Dr. Fred C. Weigman, president of Midland College. His subject was "God's Unsuspected Purposes", based on I Cor. 1:5.

Roll call.

The minutes of the Sixth Session were read and approved.

Reference and Counsel Committee outlined program was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee report was read and adopted.

Earnest A. Trabert presented the Report of the Committee on Absentees and Excuses.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSENSES AND EXCUSES

The following have sent formal excuses for absence from this convention: C. W. Maggart, Adolph Jatho, William Brandes, C. F. Oehler, O. H. Gruver, H. M. Leech, W. C. Miller, J. L. Westenbarger, J. S. Herold, Herman Lucas, Otto Becker, W. J. Dentler, A. A. Isham, Albert Fiebelkorn, H. L. Bosserman, Arthur Kaspereit.

Also Chaplains D. L. Dyerson, Henry W. Opperman, C. F. Crouser, and Lawrence Vosseler. Due to their locations in distant unidentified areas of service, Chaplains D. Edward Wright and Erwin T. May were unable to transmit excuses.

But two of the clergy presented no excuse, however, one of them, C. J. Rockey, is critically ill. This leaves but one unaccounted for, Peter J. Alpeter.

We recommend that all of the above, with the exception of the last named, be excused.

Further, we recommend that the secretary of the Synod communicate with those afflicted expressing the sympathy of the Synod, also that Peter J. Alpeter be notified of his obligation as a member of this body.

Many pastors and laymen, compelled by necessity, to be absent from various sessions, notified your committee, a courtesy rarely exercised in the past.

A survey of the Roll indicates that, apart from being present on time at the Matin Service, both pastors and delegates attended all sessions faithfully.

It is useless to include the names of those excused from various sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

—THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

W. C. Crouser presented the supplmentary report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Supplementary Report of Committee on Ministerial Education

Whereas the Rev. Henry W. Opperman, a former beneficiary of this Synod, has completed ten (10) years in the ministry of the United Lutheran Church, we recommend that the promissory notes to Synod, which he has signed, be returned to him.

The report was adopted.

The secretary presented the supplementary report of the Executive Committee.

Supplemental Report of Executive Committee

It was moved that the reception of Harshman into the Synod be held in abeyance until Synod of Kansas has given a letter of transfer. His name to be added to roll as soon as transfer is received.

The name of A. C. Knudten was added to the Roll.

Moved that the treasurer be authorized to advance $90.00 to Bethel Church, San Jose, for moving expenses of Rev. Arthur Kaspereit.

Moved that at the request of the Home Mission Committee of Synod, and, in view of the present emergency, Robert Wheatley be licensed.

We recommend to Bethel Lutheran Congregation of San Jose that property, parsonage and church be sold to Mennonite Brethren for $6,250;

that proceeds of sale be turned over to Board of American Missions with the understanding that this sum be held for mission work in California, preferably in San Jose.

It was moved that we recommend to Synod that permission be given Bethel Church, San Jose, to dissolve as soon as satisfactory disposal has been made of assets and that all historical records be turned over to the Archivist of Synod.

The application of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Vallejo, for admission to Synod was considered. Moved that after approval of constitution, said congregation be received into Synod.

Invitation from First Lutheran Church of Fresno was presented. In view of the fact that the First Lutheran Church of Fresno withdrew its invitation for Convention in favor of St. John's, Sacramento, in 1942, we recommend that the next convention of Synod be held in Fresno in 1944.

This report was adopted with changes.

The report of the Ministerium was adopted.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

Mrs. C. S. Izenour presented the report of the Children of the Church.

REPORT OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

This year Children of the Church statistics are included in the report on Parish Education. Turn to that report now. Notice how few congregations are promoting this program. Last year this small effort resulted in contributions totaling $150.45. And who can measure the spiritual values in the lives of these children or to the church of tomorrow? Our children must be guided in Christian action TODAY.

Respectfully submitted,
—MRS. C. S. IZENOUR, Secretary.

The report was adopted and Mrs. Izenour was heard in connection therewith.

Report of delegates to U.L.C.A. Convention was presented by Clarence Derr.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATION TO THE 13TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

All of the delegates elected by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California were present at the sessions of the 13th Convention of the United Lutheran Church, held in the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky, October 24-31, 1942, with communion Service held at the First Lutheran Church of that city.

The background for the Convention was the celebration of two outstanding facts of American Lutheran history, the bi-centennial of the arrival of Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg in America, and the centennial of the departure of Father Christian Heyer for India. Representatives of most of the bodies of the Lutheran Church in America were present and brought fraternal greetings and encouragement toward union of all Lutheran churches in the Western Hemisphere.

Among the decisions reached by the Convention are:

1. The Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief was directed to institute a contributory pension system when 500 clergymen and their congregations have applied for admission.

2. A strong and impressive statement on The Church and a World at War.

3. For the first time in the history of the United Lutheran Church, the distribution of the apportionment dollars was left flexible.

4. The Convention received a telegram from the American Lutheran Church, assembled in Convention at Mendota, Illinois, which recognized our fundamental agreement and proclaimed its readiness to establish full pulpit and altar fellowship with the United Lutheran Church in America. The president of the United Lutheran Church was instructed to consummate and declare at the earliest possible date the establishment of this fellowship.

Your delegation wishes to commend the officers of the United Lutheran Church and the Convention committee for a well-planned and carried out convention, and to thank the Rev. John Henry Harns, D.D., for his masterful handling of the devotions of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
—THE DELEGATION.

The report of the delegates to U.L.C.A. Convention was adopted.

Albert B. Schwertz presented the report of the California Lutheran Brotherhood.

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

The third annual meeting of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Synod of California was held in two sessions, on Wednesday, May 12, 1943, in the First Lutheran Church, Glendale, California.

At 7:45 p.m. the program of the Convention was held in the Sanctuary with Dr. Albert B. Schwertz in charge. Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, contributed the special music. George C. Weiman, state president, made the announcements and introduced the speaker, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, member of the National Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America. Dr. Fry's address was timely and inspiring. An offering was received for Lutheran World Action.

The second session was held at 9:00 p.m. the same evening in the parlors of the church. At the business meeting all the officers of the past year were re-elected.

President	George C. Weiman
Vice-President	W. F. Bening
Secretary	Clarence Derr
Treasurer	Garnet Grieve

Many plans were discussed for the coming year. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The women of the local church served appetizing refreshments.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. James P. Beasom, Jr., newly-elected president of the Women's Missionary Society of California, was presented to Synod by Mrs. E. A. Trabert.

J. George Dorn extended an invitation for Synod to meet at St. Mark's Church, San Francisco, in 1949.

John Edward Hoick presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

In conformity with the revised By-Laws, the following statement and resolutions are presented for the consideration of Synod:

Assembled in the peaceful precincts of this charming city of Glendale, with nothing to disturb our deliberations except the throbbing motors of an occasional bomber, and the recognized presence of some and the absence of others in the uniform of the armed forces of the nation, we are nevertheless conscious of the fact that we are living in a world engaged in the most colossal conflict in history.

Implemented with the enginry of destruction on land and sea,—in stratosphere and bathysphere—life and limb, personal possessions and national resources are jeopardized and destroyed, the progress of the Kingdom of God is halted, missions at home and abroad are disrupted, national enmities are engendered and intensified, and civilization itself is imperiled.

We note in this global warfare, the clash of conflicting ideologies. On the one hand are human conception of world domination. Great nations are massed with the ideal of the supremacy of blood and nationality; the regimentation of the individual to the welfare of the state; the theory that "might make right". These forces are not devoid of asserted Divine Sanction of the "Sun of Heaven", or the primitive gods of field and forests.

On the other hand, are the so-called Christian nations upholding the

principles of righteousness and peace, and desirous of the settlement of conflicting issued without resort to the arbitrament of warfare. It seems incredible in this enlightened age, with all its boasted achievements in science, education, commerce and diplomacy, that we are swept into this carnage of bloodshed, while the juggernaut of warfare rushes on—a veritable Frankenstein turning upon his Creator to destroy Him. A scene upon which high heaven must look with agony, and the pierced side of the Saviour bleed afresh.

The line of cleavage between conflicting forces is expressed only in general terms. We deplore the failures and shortcomings of so-called Christian nations—greed, mammon worship, forgetfulness of God, the desecration of the Lord's Day, the increasing use of alcoholic beverages, the baneful influence of many moving pictures, the small advance of spiritual development in contrast with material progress.

The following resolutions are presented:

(a) That the proclamation by lip and life of our blessed Christian faith is an imperative necessity in such a time as this.

(b) In the struggle for national supremacy, that it is essential to stress the truth "that God is no respecter of persons". "He hath made of one blood all nations".

(c) In opposition to the effort to regiment the individual into the machinery of the State, that it is necessary for us to emphasize the worth of the individual soul, in comparison with which the wealth of the world in insignificant.

(d) If in the ultimate settlement of the issues of this world conflict, vengeance and vindictiveness shall prevail, that the seeds will be sown for a recurrance of another world disaster more deadly and destructive than the tragedy of today.

(e) Because of the rapid methods of transportation, this old world has been transformed into a neighborhood, and nothing but the operation of Christian ideas will change this neighborhood into a brotherhood.

(f) That we, in California, prepare ourselves now for a Christian attitude in our Churches toward the solution of problems of racial minorities within our area.

(g) That we look forward to a day in the near future when the treasures of our hearts and possessions may be poured out in the task of rehabilitating the churches and missions of other lands in the spirit of consecrated stewardship.

In grateful recognition of the hospitality shown this convention of Synod, we recommend that by a rising vote we express our hearty appreciateion:

(a) To the pastor, the officers and members of the First Lutheran Church of Glendale, for their hospitality and their many courtesies extended to the delegates and visitors of the Synodical session.

(b) To the choirs of the different churches for their inspiring music.

(c) To the press of Glendale for their comprehensive reports.

(d) To the officers of Synod for their faithful performance of duty, and particularly to the president for his efficient administration of office in a year marked by an unusual number of pastoral changes.

That we express our sincere appreciation to Dr. Franklin Clark Fry and Dr. F. C. Weigman for their wise counsel, helpful suggestions, and their inspiring addresses.

Recognizing the fact that the Church of tomorrow will rest upon the shoulders of the youth of today, we view with apprehension many of the problems now facing the young people of our Church. In view of the present rapid rise in juvenile and particularly "teen-age" delinquency, precipitated in part by the employment in many cases of both parents in essential war industries, with a consequent neglect of the children in the home, THEREFOR, be it resolved that we

1. Urge a more thoughful and prayerful consideration of the importance of the Christian home;

2. Call upon all church bodies and organizations, home agencies, and welfare organizations to exert all possible effort in correcting these conditions by providing constructive programs of recreation and social and religious uplift; and

APPENDIX A—TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONGREGATIONS—Northern Conference

Congregation & Location	Apportionment paid	Percent	L. W. A.	S. M. W.	Midland College	Other	TOTAL
Berkeley, St. Michael's	$ 667.00	103.9	$ 150.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 40.00	$ 907.00
Fresno, First	400.95	101.3	71.40	14.60			486.95
Fresno, St. Paul's	294.00	51.	60.00				354.00
Fresno, Wartburg	125.00	115.7	15.00				140.00
Oakland, First	395.00	101.3	41.18			250.00a	686.18
Oakland, St. John's	121.44	63.3	44.35				165.79
Richmond, Grace	332.00	112.9	50.00				382.00
Sacramento, First	342.00	100.	16.55	2.55			361.15
Sacramento, St. John's	984.00	101.4	144.75				1128.75
San Francisco, First	139.65	75.1	25.50				165.15
San Francisco, St. Mark's	547.69	79.4	88.04	15.28		53.10	704.12
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	198.00	100.	75.00	32.00			305.00
San Francisco, Temple	186.00	100.	20.00	16.00			222.00
Sanger, St. Paul's	150.40b	74.4		2.50		7.50	160.40
San Jose, Bethel	48.00	32.	19.70				67.70
San Jose, Grace	278.00	70.2	22.50				300.50
Vallejo, St. Paul's	35.16	no appt.					35.16
TOTAL—Northern Conference	$ 5244.29	90.	$ 844.03	$107.93	$ 25.00	$350.60	$ 6571.85

a—Gift from Mary and Martha Circle for "Home for Aged Fund".
b—Includes $70.00 applied to 1941 account.

APPENDIX B—TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONGREGATIONS—Southern Conference

Congregation & Location	Apportionment paid	Percent	L. W. A.	S. M. W.	Midland College	Other	TOTAL
Alhambra, Grace	$ 708.00	100.	$ 64.55	$ 12.42			$ 784.97
Beverly Hills, Community	492.00	100.	58.00	15.78			565.78
Gardena, St. John's	268.03	109.					268.03
Glendale, First	1350.00	104.7	335.19	25.00	250.00	290.00	2250.19
Hollywood, Hollywood	960.00	60.8	180.00	30.00	10.00	30.00	1210.00
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	812.78	94.1	38.00				850.78
Inglewood, Holy Trinity	330.00	125.	40.00	10.00			380.00
Long Beach, Trinity	600.00	69.4	75.80				675.80
Los Angeles, Bethany	488.20	101.7	30.66				518.86
Los Angeles, First	876.00	100.	250.00	100.00	50.00		1276.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	354.00	100.	44.68			8.09	406.77
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	120.88	57.6	12.00				132.88
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	450.00	100.	65.00				515.00
Pasadena, Trinity	858.00	100.	194.73	31.75			1084.48
Phoenix, Grace	1194.00	100.	140.00	38.20			1372.20
Redland, First	176.05	88.9	14.05	7.10		25.00	222.20
Riverside, Trinity	288.00	100.	24.25				312.25
San Bernardino, First	303.32	72.2	52.96	10.05			366.33
San Diego, First	862.88	184.4	92.93	25.20		35.00	1016.01
Santa Barbara, Grace	104.77	64.7	8.75	7.50			121.02
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	623.34	112.9	57.87				681.21
Westwood, Village	71.29	30.5					71.29
TOTAL—Southern Conference	$12291.54	94.2	$1779.42	$313.00	$310.00	$388.09	$15082.05
Northern Conference	$ 5244.29	90.	$ 844.03	$107.93	$ 25.00	$350.60	$ 6571.85
GRAND TOTAL	$17535.83	92.9	$2623.45	$420.93	$335.00	$738.69	$21653.90

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1943

Apportionment rate $4.00 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Alcatraz and Benvenue	196	$ 65.00	$ 780.00
Fresno	First	Ferger and Thomas	138	46.00	552.00
Fresno	St. Paul's	California and Lotus	126	42.00	504.00
Fresno	Wartburg	561 "D" Street	35	12.00	144.00
Oakland	First	16th and Grove	105	35.00	420.00
Oakland	St. John's	55th Ave. and Edgerley	66	22.00	264.00
Richmond	Grace	Barrett and 13th	100	33.00	396.00
Sacramento	First	4th Avenue at 39th Street	115	38.00	456.00
Sacramento	St. John's	17th and "L" Streets	302	101.00	1212.00
San Francisco	First	1360 Geary	58	19.00	228.00
San Francisco	St. Mark's	1135 O'Farrell	200	67.00	804.00
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	3281 - 16th Street	83	28.00	336.00
San Francisco	Temple	15 Latona Street	61	20.00	240.00
Sanger	St. Paul's	1122 "N" Street	30	10.00	120.00
San Jose	Bethel	215 Delmas Ave	36	12.00	144.00
San Jose	Grace	Julian and Second	115	38.00	456.00
TOTALS NORTHERN CONFERENCE			1766	$588.00	$7056.00

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1943

Apportionment rate $4.00 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Alhambra	Grace	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	214	$ 71.00	$ 852.00
Beverly Hills	Community	100 N. Doheny Drive	158	53.00	636.00
Gardena	St. John's	1102 Budlong	71	24.00	288.00
Glendale	First	233 S. Kenwood St.	467	156.00	1872.00
Hollywood	Hollywood	1733 N. New Hampshire	403	134.00	1608.00
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	2721 E. Florence Ave.	245	82.00	984.00
Inglewood	Holy Trinity	3443 W. Manchester Blvd.	111	37.00	444.00
Long Beach	Trinity	8th Street and Linden Avenue	250	83.00	996.00
Los Angeles	Bethany	7011 S. San Pedro Street	150	50.00	600.00
Los Angeles	First	W. 6th at Shatto Place	310	103.00	1236.00
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1122 W. 36th Place	104	35.00	420.00
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	Euclid Avenue and Eagle Street	31	10.00	120.00
North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	200	67.00	804.00
Pasadena	Trinity	Walnut Street at Catalina	290	97.00	1164.00
Phoenix	Grace	3rd Street and Moreland	385	128.00	1536.00
Redlands	First	E. Olive and Myrtle	60	20.00	240.00
Riverside	Trinity	9th and Walnut	70	23.00	276.00
San Bernardino	First	631 "G" Street	108	36.00	432.00
San Diego	First	1320 Second Avenue	170	57.00	684.00
Santa Barbara	Grace	1109 Anacapa	30	10.00	120.00
Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Lincoln and Washington	192	64.00	768.00
Westwood	Village	Wilshire and Veteran	72	24.00	288.00
TOTALS SOUTHERN CONFERENCE			2091	$1364.00	$16368.00
TOTALS BOTH CONFERENCES			5857	$1952.00	$23424.00

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1942

Index No.	Pastoral Charge	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geographical Location	Pastor	Language Used	Membership		
							Baptized	Confirmed	Comm.
1	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	Alcatraz and Benvenue *b	Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Eng.	387	259	196
2	Fresno	First	1917	Ferger and Thomas Aves *b	Robert S. Romeis	Eng.	309	204	138
3	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	California and Lotus *b	August S. Claus (Supply)	Ger.	602	460	126
4	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	561 "D" Street *b	John C. Bitter	Ger.	186	175	35
5	Oakland	First	1890	16th and Grove *a	H. Paul Romeis	Eng.	310	219	105
6	Oakland	St. John's	1921	55th Ave. and Edgerley *a	J. S. Herold, D.D.	Eng.	230	86	66
7	Richmond	Grace	1924	Barrett and 13th *b	Orval A. Awerkamp	Eng.	304	241	100
8	Sacramento	First	1890	4th Ave. at 39th St. *a	Clarence F. Crouser	Eng.	538	230	115
9	Sacramento	St. John's	1867	17th and "L" Sts. *a	Henry W. Opperman	Eng.	582	439	302
10	San Francisco	First	1886	1360 Geary *a	J. R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Eng.	196	109	58
11	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell *a	J. George Dorn, D.D.	Eng.	450	300	200
12	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1895	3281 - 16th St. *a	Herman Lucas	Eng.	374	197	83
13	San Francisco	Temple	1916	15 Latona St. *a	Henry F. Schmidt	Eng.	276	120	61
14	Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1122 "N" St. *d	Otto Becker	Ger.	138	109	30
15	San Jose	Bethel	1899	215 Delmas Ave. *b	Arthur E. Kaspereit	Eng.	45	36	36
16	San Jose	Grace	1892	Julian and Second *b	William E. Crouser, D.D.	Eng.	353	231	115
	1942 Totals						5,280	3,415	1,766
	1941 Totals						5,326	3,387	1,695
	Increase							28	71
	Decrease						46		

* POPULATIONS: a—over 100,000; b—25,000 to 100,000; c—10,000 to 25,000; d—2,500 to 10,000.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1942

Index No.	Pastoral Charge	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geographical Location	Pastor	Language Used	Membership		
							Baptized	Confirmed	Comm.
17	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 N. Atlantic Blvd. *b	D. Edward Wright	Eng.	530	298	214
18	Beverly Hills	Community	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive *b	Guy L. Hudson	Eng.	344	260	158
19	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 Budlong *d	Arthur C. Knudten	Eng.	170	102	71
20	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St. *a	James P. Beasom, Jr.	Eng.	1,046	894	467
21	Hollywood	Hollywood	1921	1733 N. New Hampshire Ave. *a	Vacant	Eng.	950	679	403
22	Huntington Pk	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave. *b	Herbert J. Weaver, D.D.	Eng.	630	388	245
23	Inglewood	Holy Trinity	1941	3443 Manchester Blvd. *b	Franklin A. Swanson	Eng.	204	144	111
24	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	Eighth St. and Linden Ave. *b	Daniel J. Snyder, D.D.	Eng.	515	351	250
25	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro St. *a	H. I. Kohler, D.D., S.T.D., Th. D.	Eng.	520	313	150
26	Los Angeles	First	1887	W. 6th at Shatto Place *a	Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.	Eng.	621	517	310
27	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place *a	John Edward Hoick, D.D.	Eng.	262	202	104
28	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1914	Euclid Ave. and Eagle St. *a	Vacant	Eng.	205	122	31
29	N. Hollywood	St. Matthew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd. *b	Edward N. Spirer	Eng.	491	345	200
30	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	Walnut St. at Catalina Ave. *a	Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Eng.	523	414	290
31	Phoenix	Grace	1914	3rd St. and Moreland *a	H. C. Lindsay	Eng.	709	476	385
32	Redlands	First	1901	E. Olive and Myrtle *c	Carl A. Miller	Eng.	101	66	60
33	Riverside	Trinity	1894	9th and Walnut *b	W. F. Poat, LL.D.	Eng.	222	117	70
34	San Ber'dino	First	1909	631 "G" Street *b	Vacant	Eng.	379	248	108
35	San Diego	First	1888	1320 Second Ave. *a	Erwin A. Vosseler	Eng.	504	333	170
36	Santa Barbara	Grace	1904	1109 Anacapa *b	Francis Pryor	Eng.	84	61	30
37	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	Lincoln Blvd. at Washington Ave. *b	Clifford B. Holand	Eng.	311	213	192
38	Westwood	Village	1937	Wilshire and Veteran *c	A. J. Soldan, D.D.	Eng.	166	111	72
	1942 Totals						9,487	6,654	4,091
	1941 Totals						9,207	6,387	3,920
	Increase						280	267	171
	Decrease								

GENERAL SUMMARY

Northern Conference	5,280	3,415	1,766
Southern Conference	9,487	6,654	4,091
Grand Totals—1942	14,767	10,069	5,857
Grand Totals—1941	14,533	9,774	5,615
Increase	234	295	242
Decrease			

* POPULATIONS: a—over 100,000; b—25,000 to 100,000; c—10,000 to 25,000; d—2,500 to 10,000.

PAROCHICAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1942

Northern Conference

FINANCIAL

Index Number	Valuation of Church Property: Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	Congregational Benevolence: Unapportioned: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Apportioned: Amt. Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
1	12,500		6,000	1,200		19,700		4,325	5,335	9,660	35	37	63	102	345	582	642	667	1,249	10,909
2	10,000		3 500		412	13,912	2,700	3,185	4,983	8,168		15		71	234	320	396	401	721	8,889
3	5,000	4,000	4,300			13,300	2,000	2,285	1,176	3,461				60	95	155	576	294	449	3,910
4	7,000					7,000		1,630	150	1,780					15	15	108	125	140	1,920
5	10,000		2,500			12,500	838	3,190	1,019	4,209				382	195	577	390	395	972	5,181
6	8,000		2,000			10,000	4,250	1,167	880	2,047					185	185	192	121	306	2,353
7	17,000	3,000				20,000	5,000	4,901	1,402	6,303					108	108	294	332	440	6,743
8	26,000			192		26 192		3,759	201	3,960		78			17	95	342	342	437	4,397
9	90,000	4,200		510		94,710		6 201	684	6,885		50		267	230	547	960	984	1,531	8,416
10	45,000					45,000	....	2,558	208	2,766		45		26		71	186	140	211	2,977
11	100,000			60,000	10,000	170,000		7,569	669	8,238		90	8	484	240	822	690	548	1,370	9,608
12	33,000					33,000	360	4,409	1,650	6,059		32			162	194	198	198	392	6.451
13	7,000	5,000				12,000	1,685	1,575	410	1,985		16		20		36	186	186	222	2,207
14	4,000	2,000				6,000	326	1,101	113	1,214		2			8	10	108	150	160	1,374
15	6,000					6,000		865	58	923					20	20	150	48	68	991
16	35,000	3,000				38,000	2,664	2,077	427	2,504				23	117	140	396	278	418	2,922
1942 Totals	415,500	21,200	18,300	61,902	10,412	527,314	19,817	50,797	19,365	70,162	35	365	71	1,435	1,971	3,877	5,814	5,209	9 086	79,248
1941 Totals	410,450	25,600	15,300	60,500	10,418	522,268	27,973	44,047	11,213	55,260	45	428	90	522	1,514	2,599	5,642	4,359	6,958	62,218
Increase	5,050		3,000	1,402		5,046		6,750	8,152	14,902				913	457	1,278	172	850	2,128	17,030
Decrease		4,400			6		8,156				10	63	19							

Southern Conference

Index Number	Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amt. Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
17	25,000					25 000	3,437	5,199	1,327	6,526					77	77	708	708	785	7,311
18	12,000				1,800	13,800		3,269		3,269		100		58		158	492	492	650	3,919
19	15,000					15,000	2,000	1 869	1,207	3,076							246	268	268	3,344
20	30,000		6,195	244	1,449	37,888		11,231	7,067	18,298	275	783	225	25	791	2,099	1,290	1,350	3,449	21,747
21	63,000		2,500		3,000	68,500	3,700	11,346	3,721	15,067	10	173	50	197	318	748	1,578	960	1,708	16,775
22	10,000		500		8,353	18,853		2,848	856	3,704	5	6		50	397	458	864	813	1,271	4,975
23	..				4,590	4,590		969	242	1,211		10			102	112	254	330	442	1.653
24	60,000					60,000	2,913	3,817	5,728	9,545		75	41	276		392	864	600	992	10.537
25	15,250					15,250	3,750	2,921	439	3,360		100	31	25	50	206	480	488	694	4,054
26	87,000					87,000		14,725	765	15 490	75	566	100	250	125	1,116	876	876	1,992	17,482
27	40,000					40 000		1,860	244	2,104		140	125	126		391	354	354	745	2,849
28	12,000					12,000	2,875	986	738	1,724					5	5	210	121	126	1,850
29	30,200					30,200		3,812	3,063	6,875		65	31	55	282	433	45[illegible]	450	883	7,758
30	53,600				878	54,478	17,827	5,956	2,447	8,403	13	101	10	240	272	636	858	858	1,494	9,897
31	38,500	6,000		2,600		47,100	19,751	5,909	1,795	7,704		341	76	10	292	719	1,194	1,194	1,913	9 617
32	10,000	1,800				11,800		1,710	1 092	2,802	11	21		6	25	63	198	176	239	3,041
33	10,000	2,000	4,500			16,500		2,117	71	2,188					252	252	288	288	540	2,728
34	6,000					6,000		2,830	1,500	4,330		38			53	91	420	303	394	4,724
35	16,000					16,000	500	4,761	3,676	8,437	73	133	27	23	30	286	468	863	1,149	9,586
36	10,000	2,000				12,000		923	125	1,048		7			9	16	162	105	121	1,169
37	42,500		15,000			57,500	51,632	5,583	1,813	7,396		220		90	200	510	552	623	1,133	8,529
38					1,000	1,000		2,723		2,723							236	71	71	2,794
1942 Totals	586,050	11,800	28,695	2,844	21,070	650,459	108,785	97,364	37,916	135,280	462	2,879	716	1,431	3,280	8,768	13,042	12,291	21,059	156,339
1941 Totals	589,711	12,300	32,000	750	18,102	652,863	126,917	85,862	29,628	115,490	443	1,497	2,078	857	2,962	7,837	11,472	10,030	17,867	133,357
Increase				2,094	2,968			11,502	8,288	19,790	19	1,382		574	318	931	1,570	2,261	3,192	22,982
Decrease	3,661	500	3,305			2,404	18 132						1,362							

GENERAL SUMMARY

	Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amt. Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
N. Conf. ..	415,500	21,200	18,300	61,902	10,412	527,314	19,817	50,797	19,365	70,162	35	365	71	1,435	1,971	3,877	5,814	5,209	9,086	79,248
S. Conf. ..	586,050	11,800	28,695	2,844	21,070	650,459	108,785	97,364	37,916	135,280	462	2,879	716	1,431	3,280	8,768	13.042	12,291	21,059	156,339
1942	1001,550	33,000	46,995	64,746	31,482	1177,773	128,602	148,161	57,281	205,442	497	3,244	787	2,866	5,251	12,645	18,856	17,500	30,145	235,587
1941	1000,161	37,900	47,300	61,250	28,520	1175,131	154,890	129,909	40,841	170,750	488	2,925	2,168	1,379	4,476	10,436	17,114	14,389	24,825	195,575
Increase. .	1,389			3,496	2,962	2,642		18,252	16,440	34,692	9	1,319		1,487	775	2,209	1,742	3,111	5,320	40,012
Decrease .		4,900	305				26,288						1,381							

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1942

Northern Conference

Index Number	MEMBERSHIP: Child Members: Access.: By Baptism	By Certificate	Total	Losses: Trans. by Confirm.	By Death	Otherwise	Total	I. Net Gain	I. Net Loss	Adult Members: Accessions: By Baptism	By Confirmation	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	Losses: By Death	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	II. Net Gain	II. Net Loss	III. Total Net Gain	III. Total Net Loss	EDUCATION: Parish: Sunday Schools: Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	W.D. Sch.: Number	Teachers	Pupils	C. of Ch.: No. of Groups	Leaders	Pupils	No. Catechumens	Higher Stud.: In Luth. Seminaries	In Luth. Motherhouses	In Other Luth. Inst.	In Non-Luth. Inst.	Group Organizations: No. Men's	No. Members	No. Women's	No. Members	No. Mixed	No. Members	No. Young People's
1	17	5	22					22		3	2	9	11	25	2	2	16	20	5		27		1	10	72		15										7	1	50	4	95				
2	7	7	14	4		36	40		26	4	9	7	13	33		4		4	29		3		1	14	103		14							26	1			2			2	49			
3	30	9	39	23		17	40		1		23	11		34	11	1	64	76		42		43	1	8	72									32				2	1	24	2	102			
4	6		6	5			5	1			5		3	8	4		8	12		4		3	1	6	41									5							1	39			
5	13		13	5		56	61		48	2	5		7	14	3	4	42	49		35		83	1	12	85									5	1			7			4	92			
6	7	3	10	5	1	7	13		3		5		6	11	1		3	4	7		4		1	11	58		10							7					1	18	2	40			
7	27		27	9		9	18	9		5	9	15	23	52					52		61		1	12	80									9				2	1	18	3	70			
8	16	15	31	4		11	15	16		3	4	19	6	32	3	4	5	12	20		36		1	17	100		51				1	2	27	27							3	49			
9	30	10	40	4		6	10	30		4	4	20	17	45	5	3	17	25	20		50		1	12	102		42							13				12	1	24	3	102	1	20	
10	7		7					7			2		5	7		1	4	5	2		9		1	3	32									2				2			1	15			
11	24	7	31	5		5	10	21			11	72	49	132	2	10	150	162		30		9	1	20	80		40							30				6	1	20	2	100	1	30	
12	21		21	4			4	17			4		12	16	2			2	14		31		1	6	64									4					1	18	2	56	1	12	
13	10		10	9		92	101		91		12		13	25	2		16	18	7		34		1	6	92									22							1	18			
14		5	5	10		4	14		9		10	5		15	2	2	19	23		8	17		1	2	23									5							1	32			
15						25	25		25						1		15	16		16	41		1	1	10																3	25			
16	14	23	37	5		26	31	6		2	5	6	7	20	2	2	9	13	7		13		1	12	87		22							6	1			4	1	11	2	38			
1942 Total	229	84	313	92		1 294	387	129	203	23	110	164	172	469	40	33	368	441	163	135	234	280	16	152	1101		194				1	2	27	193	3			44	8	183	36	922	3	62	
1941 Total	180	118	298	79		9 145	233	129	64	23	97	116	120	356	38	30	188	256	222	122	325	160	16	148	1135		171	1	6	28	2	6	61	221	2		1	86	9	231	34	912	7	140	
Increase	49		15	13		149	154		139		13	48	52	113	2	3	180	185		13		120		4			23								1						2	10			
Decrease		34			8														59		91				34			1	6	28	1	4	34	28			1	42	1	48			4	78	

Southern Conference

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17	19		19					19			6	3	3	12	1	9		10	2		21		1	20	112		50				3	4	10	9				16	1	12	3	94	1	16	
18	11	12	23	6	9		15	8		12	9	20	13	54	1	24	2	27	27		35		1	12	108									8				5	1	18	1	24			
19	2		2	3			3		1	2	7	7		16		3		3	13		12		1	11	100									6					1	10	2	36			
20	38	9	47	41		86	127		80	11	41	79	20	151	3	16	40	59	92		12		1	41	421	52	60	1	20	175	1	3	35	67			7	23	1	100	5	300	1	50	
21	39	6	45	13	1	206	220		175	4	37	34	13	88	13	59	233	305		217		392	1	34	325		45				1	1	26	37	1			14	1	45	4	150	2	58	
22	25		25	7		1	8	17		3	9	6	9	27	4	6	4	14	13		30		1	25	140	15	20				1	5	42	12							2	64			
23	22	18	40	3		24	27	13		4	6	34	9	53		18	15	33	20		33		1	8	101		30							10				5	1	17	1	24	1	18	
24	17		17	6		6	12	5		2	8	7	13	30	6	3	16	25	5		10		1	24	150		25							12				4			2	93			
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1942 Total	385	127	512	137	10	352	499	269	256	78	253	423	224	978	61	188	462	711	500	233	676	396	22	368	2924	97	377	4	39	287	10	23	199	287	4		7	118	13	400	57	1683	8	197	
1941 Total	277	175	452	123		181	304	259	111	78	215	449	344	1086	53	122	380	555	610	79	810	131	22	405	3478	123	357	2	17	233	8	21	197	339	1	1	2	165	14	477	60	1649	10	268	
Increase	108		60	14	10	171	195	10	145		38				8	66	82	156		154		265					20	2	22	54	2	2	2		3		5					34			
Decrease		48										26	120	108					110		134			37	554	26								52		1		47	1	77	3		2	71	

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1942 Total	614	211	825	229	11	646	886	398	459	101	363	587	396	1447	101	221	830	1152	663	368	910	676	38	520	4025	97	571	4	39	287	11	25	226	480	7		7	162	21	583	93	2605	11	259	
1941 Total	457	293	750	202	9	326	537	388	175	101	312	565	464	1442	91	152	568	811	832	201	1135	291	38	553	4613	123	528	3	23	261	10	27	258	560	3	1	3	251	23	708	94	2561	17	408	
Increase	157		75	27	2	320	349	10	284		51	22		5	10	69	262	341		167		385					43	1	16	26	1				4		4					44			
Decrease		82											68						169		225			33	588	26						2	32	80		1		89	2	125	1		6	149	

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Fifty-First Annual Convention

OF THE

Women's Missionary Society

of the Synod of California

HELD IN

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., Pastor

Glendale, California, May 10-13, 1943

Convention Hymn

Rise, ye children of salvation,
All who cleave to Christ the Head!
Wake, arise, O mighty nation,
E'er the foe on Zion tread:
He draws nigh, and would defy
All the hosts of God Most High.

Saints and heroes, long before us,
Firmly on this ground have stood;
See their banner waving o'er us,
Conquerors through the Saviour's Blood!
Ground we hold, whereon of old
Fought the faithful and the bold.

Fighting, we shall be victorious
By the Blood of Christ our Lord;
On our foreheads, bright and glorious,
Shines the witness of His Word;
Spear and shield on battlefield,
His great Name; we cannot yield.

When His servants stand before Him,
Each receiving his reward,—
When His saints in light adore Him,
Giving glory to the Lord,—
"Victory!" our song shall be,
Like the thunder of the sea.

Prayer for Our Sons in the Service

By Rev. John F. Fedders, D.D.

O, Lord of Life, Strength of the strong, and Best Guide of our youth, hear the petitions we direct to Thy throne of grace. The anguish of a nation's strong fatherhood and the tears of its sacrificing motherhood, prompt our prayer for the lads of our land. They are leaving our homes and altars to heed their country's call. They are shouldering arms, flying planes and manning ships in defense of the flag. Here in the friendly pew and at the family altar we follow them in dusty march, airy flight, and stormy sea with our petitions for safety. May their remoteness from sanctuary and home not lessen their grip on the virtues of a royal manhood. Defend them, O Lover of Youth, from the sinister, soul-destroying scarlet siren whose lures lead only to dark disgrace and dishonor. These are our sons, Thy choice gift to us, and our hearts' desire is that they may serve our country's cause unsullied and unstained. Above all, dear Lord, guide them by Thy Holy Spirit that they may keep sacred in the crowded routine of each day, some fraction of time for a prayer tryst with Thee. Remind them of their baptismal covenant and confirmation convictions that they may be true soldiers of the Cross. And our hearts' plea, O Father of all the nations of the earth, is that enduring peace may soon come to supplant the sword, hate giving way to love and brutality to brotherhood. In the Name of our Elder Brother, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.—Gen. 31:49.

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MINUTES
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Fifty-First Annual Convention
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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
of the Synod of California
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, MAY 11-13, 1943

Theme: "VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST"

Glendale, California, May 10, 1943—7:45 p.m.

The Women's Missionary Society, with friends and visitors, participated in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with members of the Synod of California in the Convention Church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. P. Beasom, Jr.

FIRST SESSION

Glendale, California, May 11, 1943—9:30 a.m.

Mrs. P. J. Kramer, president, formally opened the convention after a brief prayer session of the Board members. The singing of the hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer" preceded the devotions, "Victory Through Prayer" Chr. 7:14, led by Mrs. E. C. Bentz. She urged everyone to put prayer first, not second in our lives.

Mrs. J. P. Beasom, wife of the pastor loci, welcomed the delegates and friends. She mentioned meeting, in time of war, our duty to our government; she pointed out that we must unconditionally surrender ourselves to Him and pray that we may be worthy of the victory. She stated that the V in "Victory Through Christ" is made up of two I's joined together for unity.

The following were introduced to the convention: Miss Florence M. Welty and Mrs. A. C. Knudten, former missionaries to India and Japan, respectively; four former presidents, Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, Mrs. D. J. Snyder, and Mrs. E. A. Trabert, and Mrs. A. B. Schwertz, national Executive Board member. Mrs. Kramer named Mrs. F. C. Noel and Mrs. J. A. Esterly as personally having given scholarships for many years, and thanked Dr. Iva A. Baltzly for her untiring work as statistician for many years. New delegates were welcomed as were three new pastor's wives, Mrs. A. Alm of San Bernardino, Mrs. R. Kerstetter of Hollywood, and Mrs. H. C. Lindsay of Phoenix, Arizona. A letter from Miss Emma Johnson, missionary in India, was read by Miss Welty.

After the response read for Mrs. C. F. Crouser, who could not be present, Rev. J. P. Beasom welcomed the group and extended congratulations for having reached the goal of one thousand members. He expressed sincere appreciation for what the women have done, especially at Vallejo, California, where a mission was organized this past year. He expressed the hope that the time will come when every woman automatically becomes a member of the missionary society as she jonis the church.

Credentials were read by the secretary for seventy-six delegates, department secretaries and officers. Fifty-three visitors were reported, making a total of 129 present. Vallejo and Sanger societies were received and welcomed by the Synodical.

The program was presented and accepted by a vote of the convention, after which Alice Arvidson Hewlett very graciously sang "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" by Harker. She was accompanied by Mary Allen.

Mrs. J. E. Hoick presented a very beautiful memorial service for twelve departed members. She used a basket of flowers typifying the beauty in the lives of Christian women.

The report of the President with various recommendations was given and referred to committee on same. The vice-president and secertary gave verbal reports. The treasurer's and statistician's reports were adopted as read.

The following committees were appointed:

President's Report—Mrs. G. L. Hudson, Mrs. Leona M. Snyder, Mrs. E. L. Konow, Mrs. E. A. Vosseler.

Resolutions—Mrs. Francis Pryor, Mrs E. N. Hollis.

Nominating—Mrs. L. D. Swanson, Mrs. Wm. Capel, Mrs. Geo. Wieman, Mrs. T. M. Howard.

Mrs. J. E. Hoick showed pictures of the new book case she and Dr. Hoick presented to be used for preserving Synodical records.

Mrs. Elsa King Frey, in her address, urged all the women to become informed on Lutheran World Action and then act. We cannot have permanent victory without Christ. Our slogan should be "All Out for Christ and His Church."

After singing the convention hymn, "Rise Ye Children of Salvation", the offering of $21.75 was consecrated by the Rev. R. D. Kerstetter, who also closed the first session with the benediction.

SECOND SESSION

Glendale, California, May 11, 1943—1:30 p.m.

The hymn, "O Word of God Incarnate" opened the second session. Devotions, "Victory Through His Word", John 1:1, were given by Mrs. W. H. Keighley. She closed with all singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee". "Trust In Him" by Hamblen was beautifully sung by Florence Goyette, accompanied by Esther Olds Anderson. Then month-old Paul Otto Chelson was made a life member by his "granny", Elsa King Frey.

The Rev. C. B. Holand urged the women to become even more missionary minded and stated he liked the way women do things.

Reports for the Nothern and Southern Conferences were given and Mrs. E. N. Spirer presented the Honor and Superior Merit Societies with a large card with an American flag on which was printed a "Prayer for Our Sons in the Service by the Rev. John F. Fedders, D.D. She urged each society to hang up this card at its meetings.

Delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the First Church, Glendale. This was followed by an informal discussion on Society Goals. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, member of the Executive Board, United Lutheran Church in America, in his address, stated that missionary women are earnest Christians. He spoke of the love of self, the love of neighbor, and the love of Christ in its relation to the rest of the world.

The convention hymn was sung, the offering of $16.47 was consecrated by the Rev. A. W. Alm. Eighty-one delegates and forty-nine visitors were reported, totalling 130. Session closed with the Benediction by Rev. A. Alm.

May 11, 1943—7:45 p.m.

Our convention hymn was used as a processional. Dr. E. A. Trabert conducted the Vesper Service and Mrs. A. B. Schwertz based her devotions on the Twelfth Chapter of Romans. Music was furnished by the First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, and the Pi Rho Theta Ensemble of the Glendale Church.

Dr. Franklin C. Fry spoke on "What Makes a Christian or a Religion Worthy of the Name". The offering of $61.70 was consecrated. Two hundred eighty-seven were present. The Rev. James P. Beasom pronounced the Benediction. A reception followed this service in the Youth room of the church.

THIRD SESSION

Glendale, California, May 12, 1943—9:30 a.m.

The singing of the hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" opened the

morning session, after which Mrs. Wm. Capel gave the devotions, "Victory Through Faith." This was followed by a beautiful solo, "Come Unto Me" by Beethoven, sung by Esther Olds Anderson, accompanied by Mary Allen.

Mrs. A. B. Schwertz presented the Departments in a very unique way as a Victory Garden, illustrated by posters. She used four steps:

1. Preparing the soil (Annuity Education, Magazine, Mission Study Education).
2. Sowing the seed (Promotion Extension, Deaconess Student, Children of the Church).
3. Cultivating the garden (Box Work, India Lace, Life Membership, Patron and Protege, Synodical Special).
4. The ingathering (Thank Offering, the spiritual emphasis which undergirds all our work).

A shower of Life Memberships was given as follows: The Lutheran Guild of St. Paul's Church, Vallejo, by Mrs. W. B. Scheehl; Mrs. Mattie M. Miller and Frances M. Woodworth by Mrs. Mattee M. Miller, Long Beach; Miss Dorothy Ann Zuelow by Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Kohr and Mrs. P. L. Zuelow, Glendale; Mrs. Nellie Hollis by Mrs. H. A. Stolper, Glendale; Mrs. H. F. Schmidt, wife of the pastor of Temple Church, San Francisco, by her daughter, Mrs. L. D. Swanson; Honorary Life Membership for the Rev. Howard A. Anspach given by the Business and Professional Women's Group of Grace Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Rev. J. Edward Oslund spoke to the convention of the magnificent work the King George Service Center in San Francisco is doing for the boys in uniform. He stated that last month 20,000 men were served at the canteen. It was most fitting to follow this address by the singing of "God Bless Our Boys". There were one hundred twenty-four present—sixty-three delegates and sixty-one visitors. The offering, which totaled $17.64, was consecrated by the Rev. F. P. Swanson, who also closed the session with the Benediction.

FOURTH SESSION

May 12, 1943—1:30 p.m.

The closing session of the convention was begun with the singing of the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be". Mrs. E. A. Trabert gave her devotions, "Victory Through Service", using Psalm 32 as her text. She closed by using the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult".

Mrs. C. S. Izenour, in reporting for the Children of the Church, urged the women to go home to their societies and renew the interest in the children, teaching them ever to love. Sixty-three delegates responded to roll call. Thirty-two visitors were present, making a total of one hundred.

Mrs. W. E. Crouser and Mrs. Ray Inslee reported on the Northern and Southern Schools of Missions, respectively, and Mrs. Georgia Lowe Dickson on Social Missions. She urged all women in the Los Angeles area to call the Samaritan Society for salvage, since it is run by Lutherans. Mrs. H. A. Fisk gave an unusually interesting talk on "Our Lutheran South American Missions".

Upon motion, the president's report and the resolutions report were accepted. Voted that all bills be paid. The nominating committee reported the following:

President	Mrs. J. P. Beasom
Vice-President	Mrs. C. F. Crouser
Secretary	Mrs. C. S. Izenour
Statistician	Mrs. Kenneth Sketch
Treasurer	Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl
Historian	Mrs. Orval Awerkamp
Archivist	Mrs. J. E. Hoick

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the report of the nominating committee. The secretary cast the ballot, unanimously electing the officers presented in the report.

The Executive Board submitted the names of Mrs. P. J. Kramer for

National Executive Board Member, with Mrs. Martha Himes as alternate. They were elected by a motion which was made, seconded and carried. A rising vote of thanks was given the officers. Refreshments were again srved by teh ladies of First Church, Glendale.

Mrs. P. J. Kramer installed the new officers and the convention closed with the Missionary Benediction.

—MOLLY J. (Mrs. Louis D.) SWANSON.
Recording Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Members of the Womens Missionary Society of the Synod of California;
Dear Co-Workers:

We praise and thank God for His mercy, love and many blessings bestowed upon our Synodical these fifty-one years of history. No one can read this history without being humbly thankful for what has been accomplished during half a century by our faithful and devoted women. "Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy Name be all the glory!" I submit the records of the achievements of another year's work in the following report. "The work is done, how well only the Master knows, one never sees the fruit of all the seed he sows. it may only be our part to patiently turn the sod. One plants, another waters, but the increase comes from God!"

The world has been plunged into darkness but Christ still lives and reigns. His church and the gospel shall endure. We have tried in these dark days, to go forward together with faith and hope, guided by the Light which has been revealed to us in His Holy Word. We are grateful for the never-failing guidance of the Holy Spirit which has brought this year a glorious achievement of our goal, in addition to carrying out the two-fold objective adopted by the General Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church for the last year of the triennial; namely (a) to expend definite efforts towards deepening the spiritual life, increasing the missionary education and promoting the missionary program among the women of the church; (b) emphasizing the general budget.

We have fifty-three societies in the Synodical. We welcome two new societies into our Synod at this convention. Vallejo Lutheran Guild W.M.S. was organized this year with twelve charter members. It is the newest congregation in the Synod of California. A new society in St. Paul's, Sanger, California, has been organized. The Synodical had the pleasure of helping Vallejo new mission church to the extent of $500.00 out of our Synodical Special after allotting Rocky Boy Mission $300.00, which has been our Special for several years.

Twenty-five societies reached the superior standard of excellence, and thirteen societies the honor roll as a goal of achievement the past year. Three more requirements were required this year than last year. This record is encouraging.

We note commendable progress in every department secretaries' report and an increase in membership. We have reached the goal of 1000 members to date, an increase of sixty new members, which we have prayed to reach before the triennial convention this year. The statistician's report shows an associate membership of ninety-two, but only thirty-nine members have paid the one dollar per year, so we cannot report the full quota to the general statistician.

We rejoice in the increase of the Thank Offering, $1,795.00 this year, an increase of $298.00. A large percentage of societies have advanced in Christian stewardship of gifts. Eight hundred and thirty-three subscriptions to the Woman's Work was reported this year, a gain of nearly two hundred this year.

Many societies in the Northern Conference and Southern Conference enjoyed the visit of Miss Ruth Juram, promotional secretary of the General Society. Her charming personality and friendliness and message will always be remembered. The ninth annual Congress Educational Forum was held in St. Mark's Church, Los Angeles, June 27, 1942. The theme was "What Shall We Pray For?"

Before giving you an accounting of my stewardship as your president, I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the earnest cooperation of all the officers, department secretaries and officers of all th societies. Whatever progress we have shown is due to all working together in unity. When there is unity there is growth. We thank Mrs. Scheehl, our treasurer, for her untiring efforts in keeping our financial obligations in splendid shape and reminding society treasurers of their responsibilities.

Your president has conducted most of the Synodical work by correspondence. Two official letters to each society have gone out, followed by numerous postal cards. Many letters have been written to pastors, individual members, national and state officers and chairmen of departments. Three articles were written for the Golden State Lutheran and two for the Woman's Work. Sent out statistician blanks to all societies and compiled same for convention and for national statistician.

Spoke at five society meetings, Northern Conference meeting and Inter-denominational School of Missions. Have attended eight board meetings of the School of Missions Association. Called a meeting in Los Angeles of officers of the Synodical to plan for convention. Held an executive Board of Northern Conference members of Executive Board of Synodical. Called a meeting to plan a fourth annual Prayer Service on third Sunday in Lent, under auspices of Lutheran Woman's Alliance.

As I go out of office at this convention, I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the privilege that has been mine in serving you for the past three years. I know the membership of the W.M.S. of California will give the new officers the same fine spirit of cooperation that has been accorded the out-going officers. We are living in a time when the faith of the Church is being tested. Let us remain conscious of the purpose of our organization and show our faith in its on-going progress by continuing to promote "now more than ever before" the work of the Church, keeping the lamp of Christianity alight.

I submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. Pray for the Lutheran World Action campaign, coming up this month. Urge every member of the congregation to subscribe at least one dollar.
2. Synodical contribution toward the Lutheran World Action campaign, $75.00 to be sent through Synod of California.
3. Continue Rocky Boy Mission special of $300.00 and the balance to be used for mission work on California field. One dollar per member in September quarter.
4. Synodical gift from Deaconess fund of $20.00 to our California deaconess, Sister Irmagard Schuchard.
5. Christian work among migrants, $25.00.
6. Synodical convention offerings to be used for service centers. $50.00 to the new Service Center in Hollywood.
7. A contribution of $5.00 to School of Missions, northern district.
8. $10.00 to General W.M.S. travel fund for Miss Ruth Juram, promotional secretary.
9. Send one dollar per society in June quarter for Congress convention fund.

Rally to the cause, Soldiers of God, give your all—He gave His all for us. "Thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord."—I John 5:4.

Respectfully submitted,
President of Southern Conference.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The Northern Conference of the Synod of California of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church held its thirty-third annual convention at St. Michael's Church, Berkeley, October 27, 1942. Instead of the usual two-day convention, it was condensed into one day.

The theme chosen was most timely, "Faith, Hope, Love", and the devotions gave much food for thought.

In the morning, the usual beautiful and inspiring communion service was held with the men of the Synod. Luncheon was served by the women of St. Michael's to one hundred guests.

In the afternoon came a brief business session, with twelve churches represented. There were sixty-five delegates and visitors.

Mrs. Elsa King Frey was present and she gave an excellent address as well as a report on a recent board meeting she had attended.

Our Synodical president, Mrs. P. J. Kramer, gave an enlightening statistical report.

Rev. Thorlakkson, returned missionary from Japan, spoke on "Our Unfinished Work in Japan".

The officers for 1942-43 are:

President ..... Mrs. L. W. Varblow, Albany
First Vice-President ..... Mrs. J. E. Oslund, San Francisco
Second Vice-President ..... Mrs. Fred Goebbels, Oakland
Secretary ..... Mrs. L. K. Thompson, Oakland
Treasurer ..... Mrs. Alma Bowen, Richmond
Historian ..... Mrs W. E. Crouser, San Jose

On November 24, 1942, a joint luncheon meeting was held at St. Michael's Church, honoring Miss Ruth Juram, national promotional secretary. There were ninety present from the Bay area churches. She also visited Fresno and Sacramento, where similar meetings were held.

Respectfully submitted,

—MYRTLE A. (Mrs. L. W.) VARBLOW,
President of Northern Conference.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The thirty-sixth annual convention of the W.M.S. of the Southern Conference met in St. Matthew's Church, North Hollywood, Rev. E. N. Spirer, pastor, on November 13, 1942.

The theme of "Vision and Service" was inspirationally presented in the devotions by Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

The work of the departments was presented by Mrs. C. S. Izenour. She likened the work to a chain, with each department as a link, dependent one to the other.

The conference was privileged to have as a speaker, Mrs. Beatrice Van Meter, a missionary who served along the Burma Road. He message and her presentation gave us some insight into the great need of workers in China.

Mrs. Elsa King Frey reported on the Louisville Convention.

Other speakers who contributed to the program were Mrs. E. N. Spirer, Mrs. A. B. Schwertz, Mrs. Dixon, Rev. J. P. Beasom, and Rev. Spirer.

Delegates and presidents numbered sixty-six, and attendance at both sessions numbered 150. The next meeting will be in Hollywood Church.

Respectfully submitted,

—MRS. (P. J.) NAN S. KRAMER, President.
—MRS. D. E. WRIGHT,
President of Southern Conference.

TREASURER'S REPORT
March 15, 1942 to March 15, 1943

BALANCES MARCH 15, 1942—			
Congress Fund	$ 39.00		
Deaconess Fund	106.00		
Lenten Offering	239.24		
Synodical Special	16.00		
Synodical Fee	286.19		
	$686.43		$ 686.43
RECEIPTS			
Annuities		$ 100.00	
Associate Members		39.99	
Bible Women and Scholarships		510.70	
Box Work Cash		53.10	
Christmas Offering		141.52	
Congress Travel Fund		44.00	
Deaconess Fund		25.50	
General Fund (Dues)		1,094.50	
India Lace Offering		182.71	
Life Memberships and In-Memoriams		863.00	
Lenten Offering		61.85	
Synodical Fee		2'3.62	
Synodical Special		770.00	
Thank Offering		1,795.00	
Triennial Convention Expense Fund		94.40	
Visitation Department		4.60	
Miscellaneous Gifts		46.00	
Total Receipts		$6,099.50	$6,099.50
			$6,785.93
DISBURSEMENTS—			
Miss A. Barbara Weigand, national treasurer		$5,360.08	
Gifts to Sister Irmgard		11.00	
Dues to Mt. Hermon Association		5.00	
Gift to San Francisco Lutheran Service Center		25.00	
President's Expenses		8.64	
Treasurer's Expenses		13.80	
Secretary's Expenses		15.71	
Statistician's Expenses		6.60	
Department Secretaries' Expenses		6.95	
Mimeographing and Stationery		36.83	
Gift to Janitor, Convention Church		2.50	
Treasurer's Bond		5.00	
Printing Minutes of Convention		70.00	
Gift to Vallejo Mission (Payment on Lot'		500.00	
Gift to Vallejo Mission (for Chairs)		20.00	
Cut for Picture		3.00	
Golden Jubilee Expenses		12.25	
Guest Missionary Expenses		8.64	
Congress Expenses		2.05	
Total Disbursements		$6,113.05	$6,113.05
BALANCES MARCH 15, 1943—			
Congress Fund	$ 83.00		
Deaconess Fund	120.50		
Synodical Special	101.49		
Synodical Fee	367.89		
	$672.88		$ 672.88
TOTAL BALANCE			$6,785.93

Respectfully submitted,

—MABEL B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

For the year ending March 31, 1943

All societies sent in the Statisticians blanks except one. Many societies had to be followed up as it was important this year to have a full report, being the last year of the triennium. I have reported all the associate members sent in on the blanks, which is a total of 92, but the Treasurer received the one dollar dues from only 39 associate members. Only paid associate members can be sent on to the General Statistician.

	Societies	Active	Assoc.	Total
Northern Conference	21	309	16	325
Southern Conference	32	694	76	770
	53	1003	92	1095
Northern Conference Gain	2	27	—2	25
Southern Conference Gain		36	14	50
	2	63	12	75

Respectfully submitted,
—MRS. P. J. KRAMER,
Acting Statistician.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

IN MEMORY

Mrs. H. J. Weaver, Mrs. Kate Hulvei ..... St. Luke's, Huntington Park
Mrs. Grace Larson ..... Grace, San Jose
Mrs. Fred Behrens, Mrs. Nellie Crawherst ..... First, Oakland
Mrs. J. A. M. Ziegler, Mrs. F. H. Thresh ..... Trinity, Long Beach
Mrs. Julia Krout ..... St. Mark's, Los Angeles
Mrs. Ella Anderson ..... Trinity, Pasadena
Mrs. Harvey Leech ..... St. Michael's, Berkeley
Mrs. Tracey Nelson, Mrs. Sarah Regner ..... St. Matthew's, N. Hollywood

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mrs. M. A. Linebaugh, Annuity Secretary, reports one $100 bond this year. $900 for the past three years.

Mrs. C. F. Crouser, Box Work Secretary, reports forty-four boxes for Home Missions and one box for Foreign Missions and $53.10 in cash.

Mrs. Matilda E. Fritz, Deaconess Secretary, reports having received $25.00 this year from societies. Total in Deaconess Fund, $106.00

Mrs. Wm. Ironside, Education Secretary, reports a sale of $9.00 for books in Southern Conference. Most of the societies have sent direct to the Publication House for the books and program material. Have distributed numerous pieces of free literature.

Mrs. Caroline Young, Lutheran Women's Work Secretary, reports 833 subscriptions this year, a gain of 192. Twenty-two societies had 100 per cent subscription, all members subscribing to the Lutheran Women's Work.

Mrs. John Hjort, Thank Offering Secretary, reports $1795 for Thank Offering this year, a gain of $184.35. Thirty-five public Thank Offerings were held.

Miss Rosa A. Flathman, India Lace Secretary, reports thirty-three societies observed Lace Sunday with a contribution of $182.71, an increase of $39.60.

Mrs. Grace Esther Chelson, Promotion Secretary, reports planning the Congress Conference, Sunday, May 23, 1942, at St. Mark's Church, Los Angeles. The 1943 Conference will be held at First Church, Los Angeles, May 23.

Mrs. W. E. Crouser, Student Secretary, reports 100 per cent response from the pastors in sending out blanks for statistics on students attending institutions of learning. There are thirty-nine men students and sixty-three women students in California, making a total of 102 students.

Mrs. C. L. Izenour, Children of the Church Secretary, reports ten churches promoting the program of the Children of the Church. Two groups became inactive and a new work was started in San Diego this year.

Mrs. E. W. Spirer, treasurer of the Children of the Church, received $124.75 from the groups the past year.

Mrs. Ray Inslee, Missionary Education Secretary, submits the following report:

Number of Study Groups (Home Theme)		Number of Study Groups (Foreign Theme)
1—A		2—A
7—B		10—B
5—C		7—C
		1—D
14	Total Groups	24

Number of persons in these groups 419
Number of persons completing the reading course .. 159
Number of Mission Study honor roll members 53

Names of honor roll members:

Mesdames Trabert, Griffing, Thompson, Sollie, Hoffman, Burg, C. Cushing, O. Nordin, A. Bowen, E. Huglen, C. Drexel, J. Torvish, L. Dahl, C. Bastin, Jenkins, O. Awerkamp, A. Coakley, C. Johnson, C. Miller, Anderson, Dobler, W. E. Crouser, Fanny Webb Price, Vosseler, Blanche L. Combs, Guy L. Hudson, Elsa King Frey, Virgil C. Chelson, H. J. Coleman, F. V. Bleuel, Wm. Harthan, H. McKenna, E. C. Bentz, J. P. Beasom, Jr., Chas. Tapp, F. L. Schmeil, R. Inslee, J. A. Dybdahl, G. C. Yanson, Caroline Young, Miss Florence Welty, Mesdames Lettie Beckett, Alma Kenner, Enos Snyder, Nelson, E. A. Vosseler, George Wilson, Paula Stanek, Luther Pershing, Miss Cecile Wilson, Mesdames Glenn Haffley, Chas. W. Dowling, and Robert Callahan.

Mrs. F. P. Smith, Life Membership and In-Memoriam Secretary, submits the following report:

Life Memberships received during the Synodical year 60
Honorary Memberships received during Synodical year 2
Total 62

Life Memberships on Synodical roll 839
Honorary Memberships on Synodical roll 151
Total 990

Persons Memorialized during Synodical year 12
Total In-Memoriam on Synodical roll 120

100% Life Membership societies, 1942-43 1
(St. Michael's, Berkeley, Louisa Miller Society, with 35 members'.

Total 100% Life Membership societies 6

The total income from this department for the year 1942-43 was $883.00.

Mrs. Phil Wizeman, Patron and Protege Secretary, reports support of eleven nationals and nine scholarships, a total of $510.70. A gain of $140.70, and a gain of five nationals and five scholarships.

Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz, Synodical Special Secretary, reports received $770 from forty-six societies, a gain of $302 this year. Rocky Boy Mission received $300, and Vallejo $500.

Mrs. D. J. Snyder, Extension Secretary, submits the following report:

Through this department 673 homes have been visited in the interest of missions and fifty-seven Quarterly Visitors distributed. California is one of the eight Synodical societies reporting an increase in membership for the past two years. Sixty-three new members were received this year, and the goal of 1000 members attained. Your secretary urges each missionary worker to adopt the new slogan of this department, which is, "Each one reach one—in 1943".

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee has examined the President's report, which reveals the advancement made in Synodical work this past year, and the goal of one thousand members attained. Much of this growth and accomplishment can be attributed to her untiring effort and devoted service. It is with reluctance that we see her close her term of office.

Your committee recommends the adoption as a whole of all the recommendations contained in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

—Mrs. Guy L. Hudson, Chairman,
Mrs. Lena N. Snyder,
Mrs. Francis C. Pryor,
Mrs. E. L. Konow,
Mrs. Erwin A. Vosseler.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

It is with deep gratitude to God for His many blessings upon us during these days of turmoil, thinking of Victory through Faith, that we submit the following resolutions:

1. Our sincere thanks to The Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Jr., and the members of First Church, Glendale, for their cordial hospitality shown the delegates and visitors at the fifty-first annual convention; also to Mrs. Robert Inslee and Mrs. Fred Steinle for their untiring spirit of helpfulness as official hostess and reception hostess, respectively.

2. To the Glendale Chamber of Commerce for the registration badges.

3. To the leaders of the devotionals, Mrs. E. C. Bentz, Mrs. W. H. Keighly, Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz, Mrs. Wm. Capel, Mrs. E. A. Trabert,

4. To Alice Arvidson Hewlett, Florence Goyette, Esther Olds Anderson, Molly Swanson, the ladies quartet of First Church, Los Angeles, and the Pi Rho Theta Ensemble for their musical contributions, also our convention accompanists, Mary Allen and Esther Olds Anderson.

5. To Mrs. Elsa King Frey for her inspirational address, also to Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, Rev. J. E. Oslund, and Mrs. H. A. Fisk.

6. To Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Spirer for the work and material presented in the Superior and Honor Merit roll.

7. To Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Hoick for the presentation of a very fine bookcase to the Synodical, in which to preserve the records of the Synodical.

8. To Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz for her very original presentation of the departments as a Victory Garden.

9. Our special thanks to Mrs. P. J. Kramer, president, our Synodical officers and the convention program committee for their faithful service through the year and the preparation of convention program.

Respectfully submitted,

—MRS. FRANCES C. PRYOR,
MRS. E. H. HOLLIS.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President	Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Jr.
Vice-President	Mrs. Clarence Crouser
Recording Secretary	Mrs. C. S. Izenour
Treasurer	Mrs. W. B. Scheehl
Statistician Sec.	Mrs. Kenneth Sketch
Historian	Mrs. Orval Awerkamp
Archivist	Mrs. J. E. Hoick

Respectfully submitted,

—MRS. L. D. SWANSON,
MRS. WM. CAPEL,
MRS. T. M. HOWARD,
MRS. G. M. WIEMAN.

REQUIREMENTS

1. An increase in membership.

2. An average attendance at meetings of at least fifty per cent of the membership.

3. Regular use of the monthly program published in Lutheran Women's Work.

4. Use of magazine quiz.

5. A subscription to the Lutheran Women's Work in the home of every active member.

6. Promotion of the Children of the Church in your congregation.

7. An extension department (visitation) in your society.

8. A mission study class, or reading circle, in the congregation.

9. Bible study by all members of your society.

10. Financial obligations fully met, send in quarterly, before the 15th of June, September, and March, to Synodical treasurer.
    (a) General Fund ..... 10c per member per month
    (b) Synodical fee ..... 25c per member per year
    (c) Triennial Convention Expense Fund—10c per member per year

11. Synodical Special—Contribution per member to American Indian at Rocky Boy.

12. Lenten Offering, Christmas offering, India Lace offering (free will)

13. Contribution of $1.00 each for Deaconess and Congress Travel funds per society per year.

14. Increase in amount of Thank Offering.

15. One public Thank Offering meeting.

16. Box Work—cash or supplies.

17. Support of Patron and Protege work (partial payment on scholarships acceptable).

18. One new Life Member or In-Memoriam.

19. Present the work of the General Society at one meeting each year.

20. Observance of the Week of Prayer and self-denial, or Day of Prayer.

21. Representation at Conference and Synodical conventions.

22. Observance of India Lace Day, cooperating with Sunday School children.

23. Prompt reports and answers to all communications from officers. Send name of new president to Synodical Secretary as soon as elected.

24. Representation at a summer school of missions.

APPENDIX A—FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA, FOR 1942-1943

NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	Annuity Bonds	Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	Cash for Box Work	Christmas Offering	Congress Fund	Deaconess Fund	General Fund	India Lace Offering	Life Memberships, In-Memoriams	Lenten Offering	Synodical Fee	Synodical Special	Thank Offering	Triennial Conv. Expense Fund	Visitation	Misc. Gifts	TOTALS
Alhambra, Grace (First)		[illegible]			$	$ 1.00	$	$ 30.00	$ 6.00	$ 45.00	$	$ 9.50	$ 26.00	$ 51.20	$ 2.40	$	$	$ 173.10
Alhambra, Grace (Mrs. Anna S. Kimball)		[illegible]			2.77	1.00	1.00	18.20	.37	10.00	.85	3.50	11.00	37.80	1.90			86.45
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Mrs. Morley)		12.00		3.00	1.55	1.00	1.00	23.20	4.00	30.00	2.00	5.25	23.00	37.84	2.10		10.00	147.94
Berkeley, St. Mark's (Fellows)					1.00	1.00		13.20	4.00			2.75	5.00		1.10			28.05
Berkeley, St. Mark's (Mrs. [illegible])		1.00			2.50	1.00	1.00	15.30	4.00	10.00		3.25	10.00	23.66	1.20		10.00	82.91
Beverly Hills (Women of the Church)					1.00	1.00		19.80	4.00			4.00	16.00	28.80	1.80			76.40
Beverly Hills (EKF)		4.00			1.00	1.00	2.00	15.00	1.00	10.00	2.00	2.25	9.00	3.14	2.20			52.59
Fresno, First					8.15			33.10		10.00	2.25	6.25	25.00	36.42	3.00			124.17
Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)		8.00				1.00	1.00	21.00		25.00		4.50	19.00	23.33	1.70			105.03
Gardena, St. John's						1.00		20.50				4.00	8.00	22.70	2.00			58.20
Glendale, First (Johanno S. Beasom)		7.00	95.00	14.00	18.00	1.00	5.00	85.20	26.00	60.00		17.75	71.00	220.00	8.00		10.00	637.95
Glendale, First (Pi Rho Theta)								19.50	..	10.00				6.38				35.88
Hollywood, First			70.00	3.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	38.40	3.00	25.00		8.00	32.00	51.75	3.20			234.35
Hollywood (Florence E. Welty)						1.00		24.00				5.00	20.00	13.25	2.50			65.75
Hunt. Park, St. Luke's (Gospel Light)					2.00	1.00		27.60	5.82	83.00		5.75	18.00	80.37	2.20	.60		226.34
Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Go Ye)					4.00			22.80				4.00	16.00	22.66	.80			70.26
Long Beach Trinity					4.00	1.00	1.00	40.00		30.00		8.00	10.00	53.00	3.00			150.00
Los Angeles, Bethany (First)			35.00	2.00	2.00			9.00	2.00	10.00		2.50	10.00	..				72.50
Los Angeles, Bethany (Second)						1.00		18.00		30.00		3.00	12.00	12.35	2.40			79.75
Los Angeles, First (Women of Church)	100.00		25.00			1.00	2.00	51.00	16.73	50.00		10.00	40.00	150.00	5.00			450.73
Los Angeles, First (DRH)								4.50										4.50
Los Angeles, Inglewood Holy Trinity								20.00				5.00	5.00	10.00				40.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (First)					11.00	1.00	1.00	24.00	1.00	25.00	5.00	5.00	20.00	52.00	2.00			150.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Hearts)						1.00		12.30				2.50	5.00	10.00	1.10			31.90
Los Angeles, St. Paul's						1.00	1.00	9.00					10.00					21.00
N. Hollywood St. Matt. (Mona Spirer)		1.00	5.00		5.00	1.00	1.00	17.80	5.50	40.00	1.50	4.00	16.00	35.00	1.30		5.00	138.10
N. Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)						1.00		18.30	5.00	20.00	5.00	3.75	15.00	37.00	1.60			108.65
Oakland, First (Queen Esther)			25.00		3.50	2.00	1.00	22.80	3.00	65.00	8.00	3.65	19.00	18.00	2.00			209.95
Oakland, First (Louisa Miller)					1.00	1.00		12.00	2.00	10.00	1.00	2.50		6.52	1.00			37.02
Oakland, St. John's					1.00	1.00		7.20	2.00	20.00	1.00	1.50	6.00	19.21	.60			59.51
Pasadena, Trinity		4.00			5.00	1.00		38.20	12.00	10.00		8.00	26.00	92.00	3.40		1.00	200.60
Phoenix, Grace (John Reed)			60.00	10.00	12.64	1.00	2.00	30.00	12.12	25.00	8.00	6.25	25.00	73.89	2.50	4.00	10.00	282.40
Redlands, First		3.00		10.00	4.50	1.00	1.00	23.70	10.20	10.00	8.75	5.00	22.00	35.10	2.00			136.25
Richmond Grace (Mary and Martha)					3.00	1.00		23.70	5.00	40.00		5.00	20.00	29.59	2.10			130.39
Richmond, Grace (In His Service)						1.00		19.20	2.50			4.00		37.20	1.60			65.50
Riverside, Trinity (Mission Guild)					3.00	1.00		8.00	7.60	35.00		2.25	13.00	33.00				103.85
Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)						1.00		12.40				3.25	13.00	25.50	1.30			56.45
Sacramento, First (Bethany)			3.00		2.00	1.00		16.00	3.65	10.00	1.00	3.50	14.00	23.50	2.00			79.65
Sacramento, St. John's (First)			25.00		5.00	1.00		18.50	3.00		5.00	2.50	12.00	43.57	2.00			117.57
Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)			25.00		2.00	1.00		24.90	1.00	10.00		5.00		22.91	2.00			93.81
San Bernardino, First (M. Standish)					1.00	1.00		8.50		10.00	2.00	3.00	8.00	1.00	1.50			36.00
San Diego, First (Leisining)			50.00	1.10	6.37	1.00		19.80	7.75	10.00		4.00	21.00	62.35	3.60			186.97
San Diego, First (Catherine von Bora)			7.70		3.00	1.00		17.70	7.75	10.00		3.50	18.00	24.00	1.50			94.15
San Jose, Bethel (Lydia Woerner)					1.00	1.00		17.40	1.00	20.00	7.25		11.00	10.00	1.50			70.15
San Jose, Grace					5.00	1.00		19.50	2.50	25.00		4.00	16.00	37.23	1.70			111.93
San Francisco, First					2.00	1.00		8.40			1.00	1.75	5.00	37.00	.70			56.85
San Francisco, St. Mark's (Miss. Study)			40.00		2.29	1.00		15.60	11.07			3.25	13.00	18.75	1.30			106.26
San Francisco, St. Matthew's								30.00					23.00	20.00	4.00			77.00
San Francisco, Temple					.25		.50	9.20	.25		.25	.25	1.00	3.20	.10			15.00
Santa Barbara Grace					5.00	1.00		14.70				3.00	8.00	14.77	1.50			47.97
Santa Monica, St. Paul's		2.00	45.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	24.30		30.00		5.00	20.00	69.50	2.00			200.80
Convention Offering (1942)												62.97						62.97
TOTALS	$100.00	$ 39.00	$510.70	$ 53.10	$141.52	$ 44.00	$ 25.50	$1,094.50	$182.71	$863.00	$ 61.85	$273.62	$770.00	$1,795.00	$ 94.40	$ 4.60	$ 46.00	$ 6,099.50

APPENDIX B—STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA, FOR 1942-1943

Requirements	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	MEMBERSHIP: No. Societies Organized Before June 30 last yr.	No. Societies Organized Since June 30 last yr.	Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—Under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	Personnel of Society: How Many Members are Students?	How Many Members are Homemakers?	How Many Business or Professional Women?	EDUCATION DIVISION: No. Study Groups—Home Theme A B C D	No. Study Groups—Foreign Theme A B C D	No. Persons In Groups	No. Persons Completing Reading Course	Did Society Observe Week of Prayer?	No. Meetings Held	Use Programs Issued by Education Division?	How Many Magazine Subscriptions?	Use Programs Issued by Education Division?	Promotion Division: Congregations Presenting Deaconess Cause	No. Different Homes Visited	Copies Quarterly Distr. Since June 30 last yr.	DIVISION OF SPECIAL GIFTS: No. of Nationals, etc.	No. of Scholarships	No. Public Thank-Offering Services	No. Boxes to Home Missions	No. Boxes to Foreign Missions	No. Life Mem. Since June 30 last Year	No. In-Memo. Since June 30 last Year
	NORTHERN CONFERENCE																														
18	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Louisa Miller)	1			21	21		2	*2		21						1	5	1	21	1	1	15	6			1			3	
9	Berkeley St. Michael's (Fideles)	1		6		6				4	12									13	1						1	2			
19	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Doreas)	1			12	12		1	*1		12			1	6	6	1	5	1	13	1	1					1	1		1	
19	Fresno, First (Esther)	1			28	28					28		1	1	28		1	3	1	28	1	1					1	1		1	
20	Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)	1		7	10	17	2	6	*8		16	11					1	5	1	21	1	1					1				1
29	Oakland, First (Queen Esther)	1			31	31	1		1		26	9		1	31	31	1	1	1	31	1	1				1	1	1		4	3
1	Oakland, First (Louisa Miller)	1		7	4	11					6	5								6	1						1			1	
18	Oakland, St Johns	1			6	6					6		1		6		1	1	1	8	1									12	
23	Richmond, Grace (Mary-Ma tha)	1		1	21	22					22			1	16	15	1	1	1	20		1	20				1			12	
9	Richmond, Grace (In His Service)	1		12	2	14					14	4					1	1	1	14	1						1	1			
23	Sacramento, First (Bethany)	1			17	17					17			1	16	16				16	1	1			1		1	1		1	
8	Sacramento, St. John's (First)	1			12	12		4	4		12						1	1	1	8	1						1			1	
16	Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)	1		12	8	20					12	7								7	1				1		1	1			
22	San Francisco, First	1			7	7					7									7	1	1									
15	San Francisco, St. Mark's (Mission Study)	1		3	9	12					4	8								10	1					1		2			
9	San Francisco, St. Matthew's	1			18	18					18			1	18					9		1	20				1				
3	San Francisco, Temple	1			1	1					1									1	1	1									
14	San Jose, Bethel (Dr. L. Woerner)	1		2	13	15					13						1	5	1	13	1	1	20				1			2	
23	San Jose, Grace	1			17	17					17			1	12	4	1	1	1	11		1						1			1
	Vallejo and Sanger			2	12	12					12																				
	Totals—Northern Conference	19	2	50	259	309	3	13	16	4	293	44	2	7	127	66	11	33	11	237	16	11	75	6	3	2	14	1		18	5
	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE																														
19	Alhambra, Grace (First)	1			24	24			*2								1	1	1	20	1	1						1	2	3	1
14	Alhambra, Grace (Dr. A. Kugler)	1		8	11	19			*3	1	12	6		1	19		1	2	1	17	1	1						1		14	
18	Beverly Hills (Women of the Church)	1		1	16	17					2		1	1	15	8	1	1	1	20	1	1	20	24			1				
19	Beverly Hills (Elsa King Frey)	1		13		13		4	*4	17	8		1	1	10		1	1	1	10	1	1					1	2		1	
6	Gardena, St. John's	1			18	18		1	1		17									14	1		229								
23	Glendale, First (Johanna S. Eastman)	1		1	82	83	6	5	*7		88	6	1	1	28	18	1	5	1	87	1	1	55			5	1			6	
8	Glendale, First (Pi Rho Theta)	1		18		18				14		4																		1	
22	Hollywood, First	1			32	32		6	6		32		1		22	22	1	1	1	32	1	1	15		1		1	1			1
23	Hollywood (Florence M. Welty)	1		8	12	21					12	9		1	2					18								1			
18	Huntington Park (Gospel Light)	1			21	21					21	1	1		16	16	1	3	1	24	1	1	17	17			1	1		4	2
11	Huntington Park (Go Ye)	1		6		6	1	1	2		8	3		1	11		1	6		16							1				
8	Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Doreas)	1			10	10					10									9											
19	Long Beach, Trinity	1		3	41	44					44	7		1	7		1	5	1	25	1	1	60				1	1		3	
14	Los Angeles, Bethany (First)	1		1	19	19		2	2		19			1	8		1	5	1	19	1				1			1		1	
11	Los Angeles, Bethany (Second)	1		10	2	12					12		1		12		1	1		9	1	1						1		3	
18	Los Angeles, First	1			59	59					59						1	5	1	59	1	1			1		1	4		5	
5	Los Angeles, First (Second)	1		12		1				6		6								1	1	1					1	1			
18	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (First)	1			19	19					19		1	1	16		1	2	1	16	1	1					1	1		11	1
14	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Hearts)	1		8	8	16					8	5								6	1							1			
6	Los Angeles, St. Paul's	1			11	11					11											1									
19	N. Hollywood St. Matthew's (M. Spirer)	1			14	14		2	*4		14		1	1	10					14	1	1			1					4	
18	N. Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)	1		2	14	16	8	8	16		32	3	1	1	15					17	1						1			3	
14	Pasadena, Trinity	1			34	34		4	*4		34						1	5	1	32	1									1	
25	Phoenix Arizona (John K. Reed)	1		3		3					3	1		1	18		1	5	1	24	1	1	207	10	1		1				1
20	Redlands, First	1			29	29	3	3	*3		32	2		1	15		1	5	1	20	1	1					1			1	
11	Riverside, Trinity (Mission Guild)	1		11		11	2		2		13	2					1	1	1	14	1						1	2		11	1
19	Riverside, Trinity Nona M. Diehl)	1			12	1	4	1	5		17		8	1	14	14	1	5	1	9	1						1				
14	San Bernardino, First (M. E. Sandridge)	1		1	17	18					18	1		1	10	7	1	6	1	16	1							1		1	
21	San Diego (Leisenring)	1		1	37	38					38			1	10	7	1	6	1	30	1				1	1		4		1	
18	San Diego, First (Katherine von Bora)	1		4	9	13					13					1	1	1	1	12	1	1					1	2		1	
9	Santa Barbara, Grace	1			13	13		2	*2		15						1	1	1	10											
17	Santa Monica, St. Paul's	1			20	20		3	*3		20									23	1	1	15		1	1		1		3	
	Totals—Southern Conference	32		114	887	994	24	61	85	41	1079	62	12	16	292	93	22	72	20	990	27	18	848	51	3	2	27	2		44	7
	Totals—Northern Conference	19	2	50	259	309	3	13	16	4	293	44	2	7	127	66	11	33	11	237	16	11	75	6	3	2	14	1		18	5
	GRAND TOTALS	51	2	164	1146	1303	27	74	102	45	1372	106	14	23	419	159	33	105	31	1227	43	29	923	57	6	4	41	3	1	62	12

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ROLL OF SYNOD

(For Location of Churches, See Apportionment Table)

CLERICAL ROLL	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER	Cong. Served	Lay Delegate	Laymen's Address
J. A. M. Zeigler, Ph.D.,D.D.(rt)(E)	1877	1919(1907*)	S	2819 E. California, Huntington Pk.			
C. H. Rockey (rt) (E)	1881	1931	S	2127 West 6th St., Los Angeles			
C. W. Maggart, D.D. (rt) (E)	1882	1926(1892*)	S	2023 West 82nd St., Los Angeles			
Adolph Jatho (rt) (E)	1887	1895	N	1634 Adeline St., Oakland			
Charles F. Oehler, D.D. (rt) (E)	1888	1893	N	1713 "J", Sacramento, 14			
William Brandes (rt) (E)	1888	1896	N	3266 Liberty Ave., Alameda			
Oscar H. Gruver, D.D. (rt)	1892	1904(1894*)	N	717 Carlston Ave., Oakland, 10			
B. L. Westenbarger (rt)	1892	1942	S	730 Portola Ave., Glendale, 6			
J. Edward Hoick, D.D. (rt) (E)	1894	1898	S	1041 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles, 37			
Herbert J. Weaver, D.D. (rt)	1894	1900	S	6814 S. Cedar St., Huntington Pk.			
William S. Dysinger, D.D.	1894	1916	S	1419 6th, Los Angeles, 6	English†		
Harvey M. Leech (rt) (E)	1894	1920(1912*)	N	3005 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley, 5			
Henry F. Schmidt	1895	1930	N	15 Latona St., San Francisco, 24	Temple	H. A. Papl	15 Latona St., S. F. 24
Norman N. Harter (rt) (E)	1895	1911	S	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles			
Peter Altpeter, D.D. (rt) (E)	1895	1922	S	Bonita, California			
John R. Broyer, Ph.D.	1896	1912	N	1357 Geary St., San Francisco, 9	First	A. Newman	c/o 1360 Geary St.,SF9
Warren R. Mottern, Litt.D. (rt)	1897	1909	S	211 N. Adams St., Glendale, 6			
William E. Crouser, D.D. (rt)	1898	1902	N	1204 Lincoln Ave., San Jose			
Earnest A. Trabert, D.D. (rt)	1898	1919	N	5505 Kales Ave., Oakland, 11			
S. H. Yerian, Ph.D.,D.D.(rt)(E)	1899	1926	S	4427 59th St., Los Angeles, 43			
William C. Miller, S.T.M. (rt) (E)	1899	1928	S	Cole Camp, Missouri			
Emil Meyer (rt)	1900	1919	N	3900 Lakeshore, Oakland, 10			
J. S. Herold, D.D. (rt)	1900	1939	N	Route 2, Box 181-A, Ojai, Calif.			
William F. Poat, LL.D.	1901	1920	S	3925 Walnut St., Riverside	Trinity	Geo. Steffens	3276 Prospect Ave.
A. J. Soldan, D.D.	1901	1929	S	10441 Ashton Ave., W. Los Angeles, 24	Westw'd Village		
Daniel J. Snyder, D.D.	1903	1908	S	2085 Linden St., Long Beach, 6	Trinity	H. Finke	2085 Linden St., L.B. 6.
Albert Fieblekorn (rt) (E)	1903	1921	S	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia, Calif.			
Arthur A. Isham (rt) (E)	1907	1912	S	832 Alvarado St., Redlands, Calif.			
Homer L. Bosserman (rt) (E)	1910	1936	S	Route 5, Box 255, Tucson, Arizona			
Otto Becker	1912	1941	N	1128 "N" St., Sanger, Calif.	St. Paul's		
Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	1913	1930	S	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, 4	Trinity	A. J. Spindt	99 N. Roosevelt Ave.
William J. Dentler (rt) (E)	1914	1916	S	33 Cajon St., Redlands, Calif.			
George Dorn, D.D.	1915	1927	N	1135 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, 9	St. Mark's	Wm. Capel	1815 Lyon St., SF 15
Francis C. Pryor	1916	1937	S	130 W. Alamar, Santa Barbara	Grace	J. Jendresen	821 E. Carrillo, S. Bar.
John C. Bitter	1917	1923	N	603 "E" St., Fresno	Wartburg		
Henry Irving Kohler, D.D.	1919	1930	S	7011 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles	Bethany	H. G. Vogel	7107 Makee Ave., LA1.
Erwin A. Vosseler	1920	1941	S	1320 Second Ave., San Diego, 1	First	Edw. Nelson	500 W. Broadway SD1.

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(For Location of Churches, See Apportionment Table)

CLERICAL ROLL	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER	Cong. Served	Lay Delegate	Laymen's Address
A. C. Knudten	1920	1943	N	4327 Angelus Vista Blvd., L. Angeles 43	Bd. For'n Missions		
Joseph W. Peterson	1922	1944	S	1309 Tuolomne St., Vallejo, Calif.	St. Paul's	C. R. Swanson	1309 Tuolomne St., Val
D. Edward Wright (Ch) (E)	1923	1937	S	Chaplain, U.S.N.R.			
James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	1923	1937	N	1650 Capistrano Ave., Glendale, 8	First	F. J. Bowman	543 W. Stocker St. Gl2.
Herman Lucas	1923	1925	N	269 Dolores St., San Francisco, 3	St. Matthew's	A. Gercke	3281 16th St., S.F.
Clarence F. Crouser (Ch) (E)	1923	1925	S	Chaplain, U.S.N.R.			
Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.	1924	1941	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, 5	First English	H. Weisman	110 N. Detroit St., LA.
Carl A. Miller (E)	1925	1941	S	232 W. Olive St., Redlands, Calif.	First	E. Hedman (E)	232 W. Olive St., Red.
H. C. Lindsay (E)	1926	1940	S	1120 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, Arizona	Grace	C. F. Johnson (E)	1120 N. 3d St., Phoenix.
Clifford B. Holand	1927	1938	N	625 21st Pl., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	F. C. Noel	348 21st St., S. Monica.
Henry Scherer	1928	1943	S	630 Ferger Ave., Fresno, 4	First	L. S. Johnston	3360 Lyell Ave. Fresno
Guy L. Hudson	1930	1930	S	122 S. Almont Dr., Los Angeles, 36	Beverly Hills	J. F. Metz	1214 W. 60th St. LA14.
Edward N. Spirer	1930	1931	S	6616 Irvine St., North Hollywood	St. Matthew's		
Erwin T. May (Ch) (E)	1931	1934	S	Chaplain, Army of U. S.			
Delmar L. Dyreson (Ch) (E)	1931	1934	S	Chaplain, Army of U. S.			
H. Paul Romeis	1931	1936	N	659 16th St., Oakland, 12	First	Frants Jensen	659 16th St., Oak. 12
Henry W. Opperman (Ch) (E)	1933	1935	N	Chaplain, Army of U. S.			
Orval A. Awerkamp	1935	1935	N	562 McLaughlin, Richmond, Calif.	Grace	W. Hansen	6019 Tulare Ave., Rich
Franklin P. Smith	1937	1941	N	1135 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, 9	Asst. St. Mark's		
Franklin A. Swanson (Ch) (E)	1938	1942	S	Chaplain, U.S.N.R.			
Chas. P. Smith	1938	1943	S	2721 E. Florence St., Huntington Pk.	St. Luke's	R. Kluck	6931 Wilcox Ave. Bell.
Robert S. Romeis	1938	1938	N	2609 San Jose Way, Sacramento, 17	St. John's	W. F. Bening	2609 San Jose Way
J. Edward Oslund	1938	1938	N	334 Mason St., San Francisco, 2	Service Center		
Robert D. Kerstetter	1939	1943	S	1733 N. New Hampshr' Ave., Hlyw'd 27	Hollywood	D. M. Lingle	6777 Hollywood Blvd.
Lawrence C. Vosseler (Ch) (E)	1941	1941	S	Chaplain, U.S.N.R.			
Arthur W. Alm	1942	1943	S	669 Crescent St., San Bernardino	First	Lewis Stones	669 Crescent St. S.Ber.
John B. Nield, Mus. D.	1943	1943	S	1122 W. 36th Pl., Los Angeles, 4	St. Mark's	W. E. Lebold	843 W. 40th St., LA 37.
August Claus	1943	1943	N	2122 Lotus Ave., Fresno, 2	St. Paul's	P. Nilmeier	2112 Lotus Ave. Fres.
Paul Wolpert	1943	1943	N	3162 1st Ave., Sacramento, 17	First		
Richard Drummond, Ph. D.	1944	1944	N	Cor. Alcatraz & Benvenue, Berkeley	St. Michael's	L. Varblow	42-60 First, San F.
Phillip Bergstresser	1944	1944	N	Cor. 55th Ave. & Edgerly, Oakland	St. John's	Fritz Stuber	Cr. 55 & Edgerly
Dale Click	1944	1944	N	1531 Kalmia St., San Mateo	St. Andrew's	Glen Winterton	22 3rd Ave., San Mateo
Harold Lorimer	1944	1944	N	554 So. 5th St., San Jose	Grace	Maj. H. G. Beck	840 East Empire, S.J.
Robert J. Marshall	1944	1944	S	433 N. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra	Grace	Percy Peterson	2176 Adair, S. Marcos
J. Benner Weaver	1944	1944	S	8457 Byrd Ave., Inglewood	Holy Trinity		
J. Emory Ackerman	1944	1944	S	1102 Budlong, Gardena	St. John's	Wm. Erbe	c/o 1102 Budlong
Eldon Miller	1944	1944		233 So. Kenwood St., Glendale, 5	Synod Bd. Mis'nry		

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CONVENTIONS OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	Pastors	Congregations
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc. D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph. D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M. D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. N. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	44	30

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28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph. D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. W. H. Derr.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph. D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D. D.	58	37
39	Sacramento	1930	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	37
40	Long Beach	1931	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph. D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	64	37
41	San Francisco	1932	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	68	38
42	Los Angeles	1933	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	65	36
43	Oakland	1934	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	62	36
44	Riverside	1935	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	64	35
45	San Francisco	1936	Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C. P. A.	63	37
46	Phoenix, Arizona	1937	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph. D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	66	37
47	Sacramento	1938	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph. D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	37
48	Santa Monica	1939	Rev. Howard A. Anspach	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	60	37
49	San Jose	1940	Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	57	36
50	Los Angeles	1941	Rev. William H. Derr	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	38
51	Sacramento	1942	Rev. William H. Derr, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	38
52	Glendale	1943	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	67	39
53	San Francisco	1944	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	68	39

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Trinity Lutheran Church, 997 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena, California,
April 23-26, 1945

MINUTES

of the

Fifty-Third Annual Convention

of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD of California

FIRST SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 1, 1944, 7:45 p.m.

The fifty-third annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California opened with the confessional service followed by the administration of the Holy Communion. Liturgist: The Rev. E. A. Vosseler; Administrants: the Rev. H. A. Anspach, D.D., the Rev. H. Paul Romeis, and the Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D.; Homolist: The Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., who used as his text Ephesians III. Greetings were brought from the U.C.L.A. to the St. Mark's Lutheran Church on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the Church building by the Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D. Special music was furnished by the St. Mark's choir.

SECOND SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 2, 1944, 9:00 a.m.

The chaplain, the Rev. Paul Wolpert, conducted the devotions using as his theme "God's Plan" and based it upon the text of Ephesians 1:4.

The Fifty-third annual convention was opened by President James P. Beasom, Jr., by the use of the prescribed form.

The Rev. Charles P. Smith, chairman of the committee on Reference and Counsel presented the report which was adopted.

The first order of business was the roll call, followed by the presentation of the new members: the Rev. Paul Wolpert, the Rev. Henry Scherer and the Rev. Joseph Peterson.

The following guests were presented and given the right of the floor: The Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, official representative of the U.L.C.A., the Rev. Rose Heidy, and the Rev. Fred Heins, defense area pastors with the National Lutheran Council, Chaplain Elwood Schwenk, of the Army of the U. S., The Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D., Board of American Missions' missionary pastor and organizer, The Rev. R. B. Wiederanders and the Rev. R. H. Rismiller, of the American Lutheran Church, and the Rev. J. F. Lorimer, of the Augustana Synod.

The following resolution was presented signed by Pastors Beasom, Anspach, H. P. Romeis, E. A. Vosseler and Mr. William Scheehl:

RESOLUTION

> "Be it resolved that the Amendment of By-Law 5, passed in 1937, be stricken from the By-laws and that all Delegates to the National convention of the U.L.C.A. shall be nominated and elected at the meeting of the synod prior to the U.L.C.A. Convention."

The Resolution was referred to the committee on Constitutions, who later reported it back favorably and it was then adopted by the convention.

The President of Synod presented the following report:

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Salutation: We meet in historic San Francisco and in historic St. Mark's Lutheran Church of San Francisco, during the celebration of the latter's Golden Anniversary of her building. Those who brought our faith to this far western country and those who builded the Church here now rise up to inspire us to adventure and to build in the challenging west of our day. As our Master guided our pioneer ancestors in the faith, we pray that He will guide us to do His will that, as His most holy Church, we may be a fit vessel to bring His kingdom to come in victory and peace.

The War: We meet during a time of great emergency. Our nation is at war. From our churches have gone many hundreds of men and women into the armed forces of our country. Some have already paid the supreme price. Others have been wounded and have been returned to hospitals in our land; a few are back in our congregations. Families have been broken; husbands have been drafted; whole households are employed in the war effort. It is necessary for us to keep alive the blessed Gospel which assures those who believe, that the Christian's eternal home is in heaven and that the Lord will not leave His people comfortless. Moreover, it behooves us to recognize the importance of our sessions. Our only justification for meeting when transportation is so vital and hotel rooms are so in demand is that we are contributing an essential service when we do the work of our Father in heaven. Let us give ourselves wholeheartedly to this that from our convention there shall come that enthusiasm to finish the unfinished business of our God that the day of eternal triumph might dawn, and that we may soon see our blessed Saviour face to face.

Thanksgiving: In spite of the war, and perhaps due to the war, our work has progressed. Many hundreds of unchurched families have come within the parishes of our Synod. A goodly number of these have united with our congregations. They have given to us a new life and a new vision. The added flow of wealth has given to our churches increased offerings, and a sizeable portion of these has been shared in benevolences with the larger church, Our Synod leads the list of sister synods in the United Lutheran Church in America in the percentage of benevolences paid. Our local congregations have benefited, likewise. Some have paid their mortgaged indebtedness in full. A number of mission congregations have become self-supporting. These and all other blessings are due to the Lord to Whom we lift up our hearts in petitions of gratitude.

Missions: There are three principle areas of definitely mission territory in the United States; one of these is on the field of our Synod. The Board of American Missions has recognized the strategic nature of this section and has sent Board organizers to develop new missions in the persons of the Rev. Henry Scherer, the Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., and the Rev. Paul Gerberding. A new congregation has been brought into being in San Mateo under the leadership of Pastor Scherer, and charter members have already signed the membership rolls at Altadena and North Long Beach, where Dr. Bieber and Pastor Gerberding are working respectively. Plans have been underway to develop six more missions with the assistance of the Board of American Missions. During the past summer, through the help of the Board, six seminary students worked in our congregations. Besides these contributions from the Board of American Missions, most of the congregations have been visited by members of the staff of the Board and the synodical president, and both financial help and advice were given where needed. Your president would like to thank personally the members of the Board of American Missions, the staff members and assistants for the complete cooperation given during the past two years. With such help and the guidance of almighty God, we may move rapidly in our march of missions to occupy for the Lord this vast area of the California Synod.

Lutheran World Action: Our Synod was one of the synods of the United Lutheran Church in America that paid more than 100% for Lutheran World

Action during the past year. But the work must go on, and every congregation must share with the world program some of the goods which the Lord God has given so abundantly into our treasuries.

100% for Benevolence: The special joy comes not only in the fact that we are paying our benevolences 100%, but that almost all of our congregations are paying 100%. It is our prayer that every congregation during 1944 will have this privilege. It can be done when pastor and people work for the extension of the kingdom of God both at home and abroad.

Application for Admission: The St. Andrew's Lutheran Church of San Mateo, recently organized by the Rev. Henry Scherer, has made application into the fellowship of our Synod. And, while action has not been taken as yet, we desire to welcome this congregation into our family of congregations.

The Pension Plan: A number of the congregations and pastors of Synod have made application for membership in the pension plan of the United Lutheran Church in America. But there are still a larger number who have not even considered the plan. Your president urges every pastor to take this matter up immediately with his congregation, if he has not already done so.

Our Chaplains: There has been released from the congregations of our Synod a proportionately larger number of pastors to the chaplaincy than in most of our sister bodies. There are others planning to enter; one expects a call in the near future to the Navy (The Rev. Franklin Swanson). Word from these men proves that they are doing a sacrificial and beneficial service. We shall continue to pray that the Lord may bless them.

Vacancies: Your president has made an extended trip to the east visiting many of the theological seminaries of our Church. From these contacts a large number of young men will accept calls to our vacant congregations, so that by the close of school this spring almost all if not all of our congregations shall be manned by pastors.

Retirements and Death: Through retirement and death we are losing from our active pastorates five former presidents of synod: (by retirement) The Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D., The Rev. J. Edward Hoick, D.D., The Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D.D., and The Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D., and (by death) the Rev. William H. Derr, D.D., These men have contributed much to our Synod's growth and development. They have made many sacrifices for the larger church. Those who still live will continue to assist actively in our work. We thank God for them and shall ever pray that the Lord will make us worthy of following them in their service in the kingdom.

Our College and Seminary: War time brings its problems to our institutions. We dare not neglect them in this hour of their need. Since Midland College and Western Theological Seminaries are institutions of our Synod, they should be given special consideration not only by the Synod as a whole but, also, by the congregation of Synod.

Our Retired Pastors: Although a number of retired pastors are counted as such on the records of the Church, many of them are extremely active within our congregations and in supplying pulpits in vacant congregations. To them and to all who have assisted in keeping regular services in all of our churches, we express our sincere appreciation.

For the church at large and for myself, I acknowledge with grateful heart the cooperation and helpfulness of all of the pastors and congregations of Synod, the members of the Executive Board and all officers and committee members, without which our work could not have been done.

Deaths: The Rev. William H. Derr, D.D.,

Resignations: The Rev. William E. Crouser, D.D., The Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D., The Rev. J. Edward Hoick, D.D., The Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D.D., The Rev. A. C. Knudten, Chaplain D. Edward Wright, The Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, The Rev. Robert S. Romeis, and the Rev. John B. Nield.

Calls Accepted: The Rev. Robert S. Romeis, St. John's Lutheran Church, Sacramento; The Rev. John B. Nield, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles; Rev. Paul Wolpert, First Lutheran Church, Sacramento; The Rev. Joseph Peterson, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Vallejo; The Rev. Henry Scherer, First Lutheran Church, Fresno; The Rev. Charles P. Smith, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Huntington Park.

Calls Accepted by Students: Harold Lorrimer of Western Theological Seminary, Grace Lutheran Church, San Jose; Dr. Richard H. Drummond, of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Berkeley; Robert James Marshall, of Chicago Theological Seminary, Grace Lutheran Church, Alhambra; J. Emory Ackerman, of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, St. John's Lutheran Church, Gardena; J. B. Weaver, of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Inglewood; Dale Click, of Hamma Divinity School, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, San Mateo; Phillip Bergstresser, Gettysburg Theological Seminary, St. John's Lutheran Church, Oakland; Eldon Miller, Hamma Divinity School, Synodical Missions.

Dedications: Two beautiful buildings of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Inglewood, were dedicated during the past year. The first of these a small chapel was erected after the fire which burned the church building in which the congregation was worshipping. This little chapel served as an office and meeting place for church groups. Since the erection of the second building, which eventually will be the parish house, the small chapel has been turned into a children's chapel. The very beautiful parish house is now serving as a church proper. It is well constructed and houses acceptably this growing congregation. The Rev. Franklin Swanson, pastor of this congregation, should be commended for his outstanding work in this mission field.

Work in the Congregations: This will be given as an addition to the president's report at the convention of Synod.

For all of these blessings, we thank almighty God, asking Him to continue His presence with us as we seek to do His bidding.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR.
President of Synod

SUPPLEMENTARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congregational Advancements

The year 1943 was a year of tremendous accomplishments within the congregations. In these the President of Synod wishes to express a word of commendation to both Pastors and members. Outward signs of advancement, when coupled with spiritual progress, will bring the kingdom of God.

ALHAMBRA GRACE. The entire indebtedness has been paid and plans have been made for advancement with the coming of the new Pastor.

ALTADENA COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH held its initial service on March 26th, 1944. Although the ground work was laid for this mission during the year 1943, the actual inauguration did not begin until the above date. A large property has been purchased upon which is located a six-room house suitable for church services and parish work, as well as a parsonage.

BERKELEY ST. MICHAEL'S. Due to the economical administration of the past year over $2000.00 has been invested in War Bonds to be used in the future program of the church.

BEVERLY HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH. The **Children of the Church** has been organized and meets weekly with increasing interest. A weekly news letter goes to more than fifty men in the armed services.

FRESNO FIRST. Despite a six month's vacancy the year 1944 has begun by setting all time records in church attendance. A parsonage has been purchased.

FRESNO ST. PAUL'S. Common service books have been purchased and are in regular use. For the first time the apportionment has been paid in full. The Sunday School is growing.

FRESNO WARTBURG. Improvements have been made in all the departments of the church.

GARDENA ST. JOHN'S. Attendance increased 40%. Indebtedness paid in full. The 20th anniversary celebrated.

HOLLYWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH. The indebtedness paid in full. Increased attendance at church and Sunday School. Benevolences paid in full.

HUNTINGTON PARK ST. LUKE'S. The last year at St. Luke's has shown steady growth in all departments. A Brotherhood has been organized and apportionment and Lutheran World Action paid in full.

INGLEWOOD, HOLY TRINITY has constructed two buildings of their proposed three-building church plant: A Children's Chapel and a parish house, the latter is now being used for church services. Advancement has been noted in all departments.

LONG BEACH, TRINITY. Debt reduced $2000.00. Plans laid for complete cancellation of debt in the near future. Fifty new members were recently received.

LOS ANGELES, FIRST ENGLISH. Record attendances at services and at communion have been noted. $21,000.00 parish house and parsonage has been purchased just north of the present church property. Large number of new members have been received.

LOS ANGELES, ENGLISH. The Rev. G. C. Blessin has been called and installed as associate Pastor and fine progress is being made.

LOS ANGELES, BETHANY. Church painted and water-proofed exterior. Interior refinished. Cross donated and placed on the gable. Indebtedness refinanced with the Board of American Missions. $500.00 paid on Pastor's salary deficit. Membership increased.

LOS ANGELES, ST. PAUL'S. Repairs have been made to the building. A 100% increase in attendances. Benevolences are now being paid in full.

LOS ANGELES, ST. MARK'S. Splendid progress is being made under the new pastorate and attendances have increased in all departments.

LOS ANGELES, WESTWOOD VILLAGE. This congregation, although worshipping in rented property, is making plans for the purchase of a site upon which they contemplate erecting a church building.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, ST. MATHEW'S. Tremendous advancement has been made in all departments and ministry has been given to the military forces in the area. A Chapel has been erected in one of the Camps where the Pastor has held regular services.

OAKLAND, FIRST. $5000.00 paid on old indebtedness. Work has been begun on the complete re-decoration and modernization of the entire church plant.

PASADENA, TRINITY. A large amount of the indebtedness of the congregation has been paid and plans are under way to burn the mortgage at the 41st anniversary in August of 1944.

PHOENIX, GRACE. Crowded attendances are noted each Sunday and an added morning service has been required. Plans are being made for an assistant to the Pastor.

REDLANDS, FIRST. A decided improvement in attendance and a re-painting

of the Church and parsonage has taken place.

RICHMOND, GRACE. Indebtedness paid in full. Weekly radio time purchased by the Brotherhood. Rear wall of Church removed and sliding doors installed and all improvements paid in full.

RIVERSIDE, TRINITY. The 50th anniversary of the founding of the church was celebrated on April 23rd, with Dr. W. J. Weaver, a former pastor, preaching the sermon.

SACRAMENTO, FIRST. An increase of 70 communing members and a branch Sunday School with 76 scholars has been noted.

SACRAMENTO, ST. JOHN'S. Increased attendances have been noted and improvements have been made in the Church.

SAN BERNARDINO, FIRST. Complete painting and decorating of the church. Attendance records high. Benevolences paid in full. A record Easter Sunday, both in attendance and finances.

SAN DIEGO, FIRST. A 100% increase in attendances. Plans for the calling of a full time parish worker. Public address system installed. Freewill offerings inaugurated in all church organizations.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Repairs have been made and future plans discussed with the President of Synod.

SAN FRANCISCO, TEMPLE. Plans for the complete re-beautification of the church have been made. $344.00 of this has been reached by the local congregation, the balance by the Board of American Missions and the Synod.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. MARK'S. $4000.00 spent on the modernization of the plant, repairs, installations of rest-rooms, etc. Plans are under way for the observation of the Jubilee Anniversary during 1944. Benevolences paid in full and increased attendances.

SAN FRANCISCO, ST. MATTHEW'S. Mortgage paid in full. Church windows repaired. Benevolences paid in full.

SAN MATEO, ST. ANDREW'S. Although work was laid for this congregation during 1943, it was not organized until March 26, 1944, under the leadership of Rev. Henry Scherer.

SANGER, ST. PAUL'S. Payments made on mortgage and work being carried on in spite of the removal of many members into defense areas and young men into the armed services.

SANTA BARBARA, GRACE. New members received, apportionment paid in full. Increased attendance and plans are being made for the renovating of the church plant.

SAN JOSE, GRACE. A re-financing has taken place with the Board of American Missions and the congregation is looking forward to the coming of the young Pastor. Benevolences paid in full.

SANTA MONICA ST. PAUL'S has just finished the most encouraging year of her history. A large part of her indebtedness has been paid. Increased attendances have been noted and benevolences paid in full.

VALLEJO, ST. PAUL'S. Tremendous advancement has been made with increased attendances. Benevolences paid in spite of non-apportionment and plans are being made looking forward to the erection of a church building.

Respectfully submitted,
James P. Beasom, Jr.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report be referred to the committee on President's Report.

The following Convention Committees were appointed:

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

President's Report: Rev. A. C. Knudten, Chairman — Rev. August Claus, David M. Bell, A. J. Spindt

Resolutions: Rev. Paul Wolpert, Chairman — Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D., Rev. D. J. Snyder, D.D., Rev. Guy L. Hudson, Percy Peterson, R. L. Kluck

Reference and Counsel: Rev. Chas. P. Smith, Chairman — Rev. Paul Wolpert, Ed. Nelson, Howard Weiseman.

Claims: Wm. B. Scheehl, Chairman — Rev. Herman Lucas, Rev. A. Soldan, D.D., Harry Hahn

Letters and Papers: Rev. H. I. Kohler, D.D., Chairman — Rev. B. L. Westenbarger, Rev. Guy L. Hudson

Excuses: Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter, Chairman — Rev. Orval Awerkamp, Mr. L. Lingle, Mr. L. Varblow

Tellers: Rev. Robert S. Romeis, Chairman — Rev. J. Peterson, F. J. Bowman, W. E. Lebold

Assistant to the Secretary: Rev. Arthur Alm

Convention Reporter to "The Lutheran": Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report with that of the Auditors:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA
January 1, 1943 — December 31, 1943

BALANCES—January 1, 1943			
Synodical Treasury	$ 646.33		
Calif. Home Missions	185.69		
Student Work Fund	25.00		
Vallejo Mission Fund	492.50		
TOTAL Cash Balance		$ 1,349.52	
APPORTIONMENT—			$14,683.76
U.L.C.A.	$14,717.45		
Synodical Treasury	4,806.20		
Calif. Home Missions	592.35		
Midland College	3,447.62		3,447.62
TOTAL Apportionment		23,563.62	
UN-APPORTIONED BENEVOLENCES			
Midland College and Western Seminary		513.00	513.00
Lutheran World Action		6,664.58	6,664.58
Hollywood Service Center		995.26	995.26
San Bernardino Service Center		21.05	21.05
Ministerial Pensions and Relief		880.32	880.32
Board of Foreign Missions		250.59	250.59
Parish and Church School Board		25.00	25.00
Board of American Missions		24.00	24.00
Board of Social Missions		10.00	10.00
American Bible Society		26.00	26.00
Tabitha Home		31.00	31.00
Temple Church, San Francisco, Improvement Fund		509.01	144.01
Lutheran Laymen's Movement		50.00	50.00
American Red Cross		92.50	92.50
Lutheran Student Foundation, Berkeley		199.55	199.55
Holy Trinity Church, Inglewood		3.00	3.00
Assistance on Pastor's salary		150.00	150.00
Pastor's salary reserve fund, St. John's, Oakland		225.00	
Ministerial Education			925.00
Ministerial Education, Travel allowances		525.99	525.99
Student Work		691.00	716.00
Vallejo Mission Fund, (paid to Mission)			492.50
Bethel Church, San Jose Fund		2,260.00	1,436.20
Expenses of President Student interviews			250.00
Expenses of President Conf. Synodical Presidents			175.00
Calif. Home Missions for Surveys, etc.			196.43
Expenses establishing San Mateo Mission			169.92
Calif. Home Mission Committee, regular expenses			133.20
Executive Committee expenses			297.74
Other Committees expenses			10.34
Salaries and expense allowances			900.00
Postage, stationery, etc.			81.24
Convention travel expense			167.48
Other convention expense			75.17
Printing and mailing Minutes of Synod		80.00	377.97
Publishing Golden State Lutheran			208.05
California Lutheran Camp			91.50
Yosemite National Park Church			75.00
Sequoia National Park Church			50.00
Miscell. expenses and receipts		50.00	38.31
		$39,189.99	$35,604.28
BALANCES—December 31, 1943			
Synodical Treasury	$ 1,737.05		
U.L.C.A. Apportionment	33.69		
Calif. Home Missions (Gen'l fund)	401.17		
Bethel, San Jose Fund	823.80		
Temple Church, San Francisco fund)	365.00		
St. John's, Oakland fund	225.00		3,585.71
		$39,189.99	$39,189.99

"HOME FOR THE AGED" FUND

Cash on hand January 1, 1943	$ 4,113.38	
Payments on principal of mortgage	100.00	
Interest on mortgage	14.00	
Interest, U. S. Government Bonds	162.50	
Interest on savings account	12.98	
Sale, deed of trust, Stumpf property	1,500.00	
Final distribution, Estate of Dr. M. H. Stine	57.92	
		$ 5,960.78
U. S. Government Bonds purchased	3,000.00	
Taxes on Sierra Madre property	176.46	
Cost of collection, mortgage payments	1.00	3,177.46
Balance, December 31, 1943		$ 2,783.32
Cash Balance	2,783.32	
U. S. Government bonds	8,000.00	
Sierra Madre property	7,500.00	
Gross assets, Home for Aged Fund	$18,283.32	

CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SYNOD

December 31, 1943

Cash in Synodical Treasury		$ 1,737.05
Apportionment for U.L.C.A.		33.69
Calif. Home Mission Funds		
General Fund	$ 401.17	
Bethel, San Jose Fund	823.80	
Temple Church, San Francisco Fund	365.00	
St. John's Church, Oakland Fund	225.00	
		$ 1,814.97
Total cash balance on hand, December 31, 1943		$ 3,585.71
Notes Receivable		1,600.00
Home for Aged, Gross assets		18,283.32
Total gross assets		$23,469.03

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. SCHEEHL
Treasurer, Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Calif.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To: The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California:

We have examined the books and accounts of William D. Scheehl, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,
THE AUDITING COMMITTEE
O. W. Weibel — H. B. O'Brien

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, the archivist of Synod, presented the

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

During the past year, alongside the archives of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of California, which has been under the supervision of Mrs. J. Edward Hoick for many years, the material of the Women's Synodical is kept very orderly and congratulations are in order for one who has been so careful in guarding these treasures of the women's division of our work.

In the men's cabinet there have been placed copies of the Golden State Lutheran, newspaper clippings and anniversary celebrations which have been mailed to us.

There are many celebrations which take place among the churches of our Synod each year. These materials make valuable information for historic purposes. May we solicit the cooperation of each pastor to send to us for filing

materials of this nature. We are still looking forward to the day when we can have a real fire-proof cabinet to care for our records.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ,
Archivist

The report was adopted.

The Rev. J. Edward Hoick, D.D., the Historian of Synod, presented

THE REPORT OF THE HISTORIAN

In this changing world, history is in the making. Monarchs are being deposed, boundary lines are being modified. The whole creation is groaning in the travail of a new age.

The Church of Jesus Christ, through its many agencies, is endeavoring to keep pace with changing conditions. This fact is apparent in the work of the Synod of California. With new congregations established and projected—pastors coming and going—the Lutherans of the Pacific Southwest are on the march. The developments of the past are giving way to the progress of the future. The Historian is a busy man. His efforts would be greatly facilitated by the receipt of dedication programs, bulletins, and clippings of important events to be incorporated in the archives of Synod.

Fraternally,

JOHN EDWARD HOICK

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D.D., the Necrologist, presented

THE REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

The Reverend William H. Derr, D.D., entered into the more abundant life on February 11, 1944. A memorial service will be held tomorrow afternoon at which Drs. Synder, Poat and Anspach will assist the Necrologist, and Dr. Trabert will present a eulogy of Dr. E. Clarence Miller, Treasurer of U.L.C.A.

HERBERT J. WEAVER

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Robert S. Romeis, the Statistician of Synod presented

THE REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

The statistical sheets posted at the convention of Synod, together with the following, constitute the report of the Statistician for 1943.

The pastors of Synod are to be congratulated upon the report blanks they returned to the Statistician. Few errors were noted, and only those of minor character.

The reports this year show a definite progress throughout the Synod. The Baptized Membership increased 8.7%; the Confirmed Membership increased 9.5%; and the Communing Membership increased 12.4%. In general the "Accessions" show marked increases, and the "Losses" marked decreases. Finances, both congregational and benevolent, reached an all-time high. Especially noteworthy is the fact that the indebtedness of the congregations was decreased by more than $29,000.00. The Sunday School figures, after having dropped for the past few years, are again on the up-grade. The Luther League shows a slight decrease, as does the membership in Men's Organizations, but both of these totals are definitely affected by present war conditions. On the whole, the reports show that this past year was certainly a year of advancement for the California Synod.

A comparison of the more important totals follows:

	No. Conf.	Sou. Conf.	Synod
Baptized members	384 gain	904 gain	1288 gain
Confirmed members	381 gain	577 gain	958 gain
Communing members	344 gain	381 gain	725 gain
S. S. School scholars	152 gain	230 gain	382 gain
Men's Societies members	42 loss	10 gain	32 loss
Youth Societies members	26 loss	37 loss	63 loss
Catechumens	35 gain	19 gain	54 gain
Property valuation	$26,762 gain	$26,504 gain	$53,266 gain
Congregational expense	3,948 gain	17,783 gain	21,731 gain
Benevolence (Apportioned)	1,533 gain	4,375 gain	5,908 gain
Benevolence (Unapportioned)	3,548 gain	9,558 gain	13,106 gain

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT S. ROMEIS, Statistician

The report was adopted.

The formal application for admittance into Synod was presented by the delegate from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church of San Mateo. After the acceptance of the constitution of the congregation by the Constitution Committee of Synod, the motion prevailed that the congregation be accepted into the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California with a unanimous rising vote.

Carried.

Greetings were presented by the representative of the American Lutheran Church, the Rev. R. B. Wiederranders. The response was presented by the Rev. H. A. Anspach, D.D.

The motion prevailed that the secretary communicate with all of the chaplains in the armed forces of our Country from our Synod, informing them of our prayers on their behalf.

The Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D., official representative of the U.L.C.A., presented his first conference on the United Lutheran Church in America.

The session was adjourned, followed by a prayer by the Rev. Joseph Peterson.

THE THIRD SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 2, 1944, 2:00 p.m.

The devotions were conducted by the Chaplain of Synod. The Roll was called followed by the reading and acceptance of the minutes of the second session of the convention.

The Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D., representative of "The Lutheran", presented

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CIRCULATION OF "THE LUTHERAN"

Your Committee, constituted by a representative of both the Northern and Southern Conferences of Synod, sent out letters to all our pastors with appeal to increase the circulation of our official church paper, the Lutheran, in their respective congregations. Few responses were received by the committee, but the report by Mr. A. J. Arbogast, circulation manager in Philadelphia shows that there were 11 responses out of 38 congregations responding with 93 new subscriptions and 75 renewals. This shows that something can be done if the pastor is interested.

Last year's report shows that our Synod had 458 subscribers, the quota being 488, or 93.8%. According to this year's report Synod has gone over the top with 573 subscriptions, which is 114% of the quota assigned to us by the U.L.C.A. This is a very commendable showing, but we should strive to do even better than that.

We recommend—

1. That each pastor make an effort to place "the Lutheran" into every member's home;
2. That the congregations be responsible to place the paper into every Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and in every U.S.O. or other social centers and reading rooms for our men in the service.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Oehler
Sylvanus H. Yerian

The report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Publications was presented.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

One of the inevitable results of the present world conflict has been the shortage of paper. The printing of books and Bibles has been limited, and all publications have been restricted in size and circulation.

As a consequence, the duties of your Committee on Publications have been accordingly abridged. We commend to your careful consideration the new series of 'Christian Growth' studies sponsored by the Parish and Church School Board. The plan is a favorable omen for closer fellowship among Lutherans in America.

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

The Rev. W. S. Dysinger, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

There is evidence of new enthusiasm, interest, and activity in the churches of the Synod. Growth in membership, improvement in finances, payment of debts, benevolences paid in full or over, the organization of new churches, the occupation of new fields, are all forward movements. The reports from sixteen pastors of the Synod indicate these improvements. There is little said in their reports about prayer meetings, family worship, Bible study, regularity in public worship, hungering and thirsting after righteousness, faithfulness at the Lord's table. These indicate the spiritual state.

The progress along these higher and spiritual lines is hard to measure. The spiritual growth is measured only by the Divine eye. As pastors we are to "teach them to observe all things whatsover I have commanded you". The results are with God.

W. S. DYSINGER, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., Trustee of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary, presented the

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE AND WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Your new representative, elected at the meeting of Synod one year ago, begs to make the following report concerning the matters at hand. The report will come to us in seven steps.

1. CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION. It is our sincere belief that no part of our Church can function unless the young people, who will be the workers of tomorrow, keep their faith, and use their talents, in the Church. We cannot get figs from thistles and we cannot give our children a pagan education and expect them to remain, or become, loyal Christians.

Our church colleges are ready to serve the Church; they await our increased support in money and manpower to expand their service. They will

become effective in proportion as we, the Church, equip them. Ours is a decision of the result.

2. SCHOLASTIC. Midland College is fully accredited by the University of Nebraska, but, to render its most effective service, should be accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Its Trustees are working toward accomplishing this accrediting after the war. For it, the college must have a larger guaranteed income by the Synods.

The faculty has not been reduced during this war period. No departments have been curtailed. The organization has been continuing at full strength so that when the war ends, and the influx of students begins again, the college will be ready for the load.

The Semiary has four departments: Biblical, Systematic, Historical, and Practical Theology. The faculty consists of Professors T. D. Rinds, P. W. H. Frederick, Richard R. Syre and Instructors Oscar Lyders and A. O. Frank. Scholastically, the College and Seminary are improving.

3. FINANCIAL. The balance sheet at the end of the first semester, as of February 1, 1944, is as follows:

A. WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Total Expense	$ 3,201.17
Total Income	238.52
Deficit	$ 2,962.65

B. MIDLAND COLLEGE

Total Income	$37,429.47
Total Expense	36,894.72
Surplus	$ 534.75

SUMMARY

Total Expense	$40,095.89
Total Income	39,023.52
Deficit	$ 1,072.37

These figures tell their own story. Midland College needs encouragement from us all if she is to keep up the proper standards and hold her splendid faculty.

4. ENROLLMENT. The effects of the war are seen in the following succession of enrollments.

	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44
Regular College	603	587	495	301
Summer School	187	161	171	206
Seminary	7	11	27	19
Extension Dept.	89	102	153	101

Midland College lists fourteen Ministerial students as compared to twenty-one four years ago. All these will enter the Seminary within the next two years, as required by the Selective Service.

5. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS. The Board of Education of the ULCA increased its general grant from $8,400.00 to $9,000.00 and added a special grant of $2,400.00, of which $1,200.00 was ear-marked for salaries. The remaining amount for the library.

Midland College Emphasis Week, originated by the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, has, in five years, brought in more than $15,000.00.

Five years ago the total support from our eight Synods was $2,712.00. The present income from that source is $9,827.00.

The Oratorio Chorus, the Orchestra Ensemble, the Midland Film Committee, and the basketball team have succeeded in making trips throughout the immediate vicinity. Appearances have been made before a total of more than 20,000 persons.

The morale on the campus has never been higher. Special appreciation is due Dean Herman Gimmestad of the College and Dean Thomas D. Rinde of the Seminary and to the Director of Student Affairs Rupbert Goodbrod and to Dean Adda Newsom for their leadership and influence.

The Seminary added new furnace equipment and in general the whole building and grounds experienced rejuvenation.

6. NEEDS. In these times of financial prosperity, your Trustees believe that an effort should be made to retire the debt and establish a building fund for a dormitory and library after the war.

Five years ago, the College debt totalled $106,628.05. The present total debt is $84,954.18. The mortgage has been reduced $15,000 under an amortization plan adopted six years ago and now stands at $64,819.78.

Faculty salaries must be raised. Unless they are, our faculty will either be penalized for their loyalty or they will be compelled, in the interests of their families, to accept positions elsewhere. The average salary is less than $2,000, which is a flat salary and makes no allowance for residence or maintenance.

A fund of $225,000 will enable the College to realize these pressing obligations.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS. Your Trustees respectfully recommend that:

First, the College administration be authorized to set up a campaign for $225,000 and that the Synod co-operate fully, by accepting its quota and assuming the responsibility of obtaining it, and that this amount be used to retire the debt, increase salaries, and provide a building fund.

Second, Synod accept as its objective $1 per communing member to be devoted to Midland College and Western Theological Seminary and that this objective be realized in the manner most practicable for Synod.

Third, Synod express its appreciation to the staff and faculties of the College and Seminary for a task well done in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ,
Trustee.

The Rev. Alfred W. Young of the Midland Board spoke on the report. The recommendations were considered seriatim.

Recommendation 1 was referred to the Executive Committee to be reported back to the convention at a later session.

Recommendation 2 was tabled until after the report of the Budget Committee of Synod.

A motion was made and passed that the whole report be held in abeyance until a later session.

The Rev. E. A. Trabert, D.D., Transportation Commissioner of Synod, presented the

REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER

Due to war time restrictions in transportations there is little to report. Difficulty was encountered in securing passes for members of the Executive Committee to attend necessary meetings, but, notwithstanding this, your Commissioner was able to secure free transportation upon two occasions.

The passes for the President of the Synod over the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railways for the year were renewed. Upon numerous occasions your Commissioner was of assistance to members of the Synod in securing Clergy rates. The entire expense involved was nominal and no claims will be made.

It is recommended that the Secretary of the Synod be directed to communicate with the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe Railroads expressing our appreciation for the courtesies granted. It is hardly necessary to state that during the coming year greater difficulties may be encountered which might result in the elimination of all passes.

Submitted,

EARNEST A. TRABERT,
Transportation Commissioner.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Trabert was given a vote of thanks for his services to Synod.

The Rev. A. C. Knudten was appointed a member of the Examining Committee of Synod for the balance of the Synodical year.

After a ten minute recess, the Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D., presented his second conference on the U.L.C.A.

Adjournment was followed by prayer led by Chaplain Calvin Schwenk.

EVENING SERVICE

Tuesday, May 2, 1944, 7:45 p.m.

Vesper Services were conducted under the Auspices of the Women's Missionary Society. The Choir of St. Matthews Lutheran Church sang several anthems. Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Jr., President of the W.M.S., presided. The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., conducted the Liturgical Service. Miss Ruth Juram, Promotional Secretary of the W.M.S. of U.L.C.A. gave an address on the subject: "Our Wider Horizon".

THE FOURTH SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 3, 1944, 9:00 a.m.

The morning devotions were conducted by the Chaplain upon the subject: "The Passing and the Permanent" based upon Isaiah 54:10.

After the roll call and the reading of the minutes of the third session, which were approved, Rev. E. A. Vosseler presented the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California in Convention assembled: Brethren,

Your Executive Committee for the year 1943-1944 herewith reports its activities since the last meeting of Synod. In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution five regular meetings were held.

Your committee recommends that the names of the Rev. Joseph Peterson and the Rev. Henry Scherer be added to the roll of Synod.

The Committee approved the following:

1. The securing of necessary stationery and the printing and distribution of 1400 copies of synodical minutes.
2. The coming of Dr. Oscar Carlson, Director of Evangelism, into the territory of Synod in January, 1944.
3. Approved the resolution providing for the sale of Bethel Lutheran Church property, San Jose, Calif., to the Mennonite Brethren for $6,250.00.
4. In agreement with the representatives of Grace Church, Alhambra, Dr. J. Edward Hoick was appointed temporary supply.
5. Approved the licensure of Robert Wheatley upon the recommendation of the Examining Committee.
6. Provisions were made for the securing of properties to carry on work in San Mateo, Altadena and North Long Beach.
7. This committee took exception to the Board of American Mission's policy to require Synod to assume financial responsibility for new properties acquired.
8. Acted to send Pres. Beasom east to recruit men for vacant congregations and new missions.
9. Recommended that the interests of Synod in moneys to come from the Bernheim property of Pasadena be left in the hands of Pastor H. A. Anspach.
10. Ordered the printing of 500 copies of the revised synodical constitution.
11. Accepted $1.00 per communicant member as the Lutheran World Action goal.
12. Invested surplus funds in two $1000 Series G Bonds.
13. Allowed $100 to Board of Social Missions to help defray Dr. Oscar Carlson's expenses.
14. Unanimously agreed to ask Chaplain D. Edward Wright to endeavor to conciliate the differences existent in Grace Church, Alhambra, so that difficulties might be resolved and the way opened for the calling of a pastor.

15. Appointment of Pastors Arthur Alm, Carl Miller and C. P. Smith was authorized as a Committee to take charge of our Boys Camp.

16. Meeting of Synod was set for St. Mark's Church, San Francisco, May 1—4th.

17. We commended the following men retiring from active service in the ministry: Dr. W. Crouser, Dr. H. Weaver, Dr. Earnest Trabert and Dr. J. Edward Hoick.

18. Accepted the resignation of Robert Paden, lay-member of Executive Committee, who entered military service.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Committee
Erwin A. Vosseler, Secretary

The report was adopted.

Rev. E. A. Vosseler presented the

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Rev. Arthur Alm was appointed Assistant to the Secretary of Synod.

The matter of the Chapman College property and the feasibility of its purchase was referred to the Social Missions Committee for study.

The actions of the Home Missions Committee were approved.

Recommendations:

1. Since an offer of $5000 was received for the Sierra Madre property, we recommend that Synod decide on a sale price.

2. That we adopt the following By-Law, duly signed according to the constitution by five signers; viz.: "Be it resolved that the Amendment of By-Law 5, passed in 1937, be stricken from the By-Laws and that all delegates to the United Lutheran Convention shall be nominated and elected at the meeting of the Synod prior to the U.L.C.A. Convention." (Signed by Beasom, Vosseler, H. P. Romeis, Scheehl, and Anspach.)

3. That the Resolutions Committee and the Necrologist prepare appropriate resolutions of esteem and tribute to the late Dr. E. Clarence Miller, Tr's. of our U.L.C.A.

4. We recommend the adoption of the following budget for the fiscal year 1944-1945:

Salaries and expense allowances			
President	$600.00		
Secretary	100.00		
Treasurer	100.00		
Statistician	25.00		
Editor (G.S.L.)	25.00	$ 850.00	$ 850.00
Executive and Home Missions Committees expense		500.00	400.00
Other Committees' expenses		50.00	50.00
Stationery, postage and printing		100.00	90.00
Travel expenses, Synodical Convention		1,000.00	1,000.00
Other Convention expenses		50.00	50.00
Publishing "Golden State Lutheran"		300.00	250.00
Printing Minutes of Synod (Less W.M.S. share)		350.00	325.00
Yosemite National Park Church		75.00	75.00
Sequoia National Park Church		50.00	50.00
Ministerial Education		1,000.00	1,000.00
California Lutheran Camp		125.00	125.00
Per diem allowance, U.L.C.A. delegates		320.00	320.00
Emergency reserve fund		750.00	500.00
Total Synodical Budget		$ 5,520.00	$ 3,085.00
For Calif. Home Missions Work		2,500.00	
Midland College (70 on 6582 members)		4,607.00	
U.L.C.A. apportionment		13,805.00	
Total budget		$26,432.00	

Respectfully submitted,

ERWIN A. VOSSELER, Secretary

The report was considered seriatim.

Recommendation 1 was amended to read that the Executive Committee was authorized to sell the Sierra Madre property of Synod for no less than $10,000.00.

Carried.

Recommendation 2 was accepted at a previous session.

Recommendation 3 was adopted.

Recommendation 4 was adopted.

The Executive Committee reported back the item on Midland College referred to it by the Convention.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Since the motion prevailed to refer Recommendation I of the Report of the Trustees of Midland College to the Executive Committee, your Committee herewith desires to present the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that Midland College and Western Theological Seminary be invited to present their appeal for "Debt-retirement And Advance" to the congregations of Synod, and that the pastors and members of every congregation do all in their power to raise the quota which will be assigned each congregation, and the officers of Synod be charged with the responsibility of encouraging and assisting in the appeal, to the end that the quota assigned to Synod will be raised."

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
ERWIN A. VOSSELER, Secretary

Carried.

The supplementary reports of the Executive Committee were adopted as amended.

Permission was granted by a two-thirds vote for a special resolution to be presented to the convention by Mr. F. C. Noel.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas, present financial conditions generally and those of the Synod particularly are such as to make a real forward step in Synod feasible;

Whereas, more and more the burdens of the office of the President of Synod becomes increasingly greater, making it difficult for one who heads a parish to carry on the functions of the office with the highest possible degree of efficiency;

Whereas, the present and future place of California in the nation, the influx of population, this and other factors make the immediate future one which may be very fruitful in the development of our Synod if we put forth our utmost efforts under the test of leadership, and,

Whereas, it has been demonstrated what capable leadership can do under favorable conditions:

Be it resolved that the Synod of California act now to make the office of presidency a full time position, with salary commensurate with the office.

A motion prevailed that this resolution be referred to a special committee.

Carried.

The Committee appointed: Dr. Anspach, chairman; Dr. Schwertz, Dr. Trabert, Mr. Noel, and Mr. William Capel.

The Budget Committee's report was deferred until after the report of the special committee.

The report of the Trustees of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary was brought up for reconsideration.

Recommendation 3 was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. William E. Crouser, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

We recommend the Secretary for the accuracy with which he has recorded the minutes of the last convention and the artistic form in which they are presented.

We recommend:

1. That all degrees and titles of the members be printed in the official roll of the convention and omitted elswhere in the minutes.

2. That the names of the committeemen be printed in connection with their report.

3. That the Executive Committee be requested to consider a more convenient arrangement of the pages on which appears the table of Parochial Reports.

4. That the written Protocol be discontinued and that the Secretary be instructed to certify to the accuracy of at least five copies of the printed minutes; one for himself, one for the President, one for the Archives, one for the Secretary of the U.L.C.A., and the other or others as occasions may demand.

5. That the Committee on Constitution be requested to present some way whereby the Presidents of the two Conferences shall be duly accredited in the printed minutes with their election as Vice-Presidents.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CROUSER

Recommendation to consider seriatim carried.
Recommendation 1 was adopted.
Recommendation 2 was adopted.
Recommendation 3 was adopted.
Recommendation 4 was stricken from the report.
Recommendation 5 was adopted.
The Report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Daniel J. Snyder, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

While all organizational life in the congregations has been affected more or less by present war conditions, that of the women seems to have suffered least. Even in societies where some of the members have joined the ranks of the working class the activities of the groups have not been curtailed. Reports show all organizations keeping up their high standard of work and study. The members find and express their loyalty to the Church in service and contributions to its program along all lines.

In 90% of the twenty-four churches reporting the Guilds or Ladies' Aids have the largest membership. However, the missionary groups have had by far the greatest gains the past year. Several churches have organized successfully into the "Women of the Church" and where this has been done it appears to have increased the missionary interest.

In reply to the questions as to the percentage of church women enrolled in the women's organizations, one church reports as high as 95% and one as low as 15%. The average is 47%. That indicates that less than one half of the women in our churches are actively connected with the women's organizations. To utilize the woman power of the Church is one of its most important questions. The Church always has had and always will have a certain contribution which it can make only through its women as a group. The "Women of the Church' is perhaps the best answer.

As to attendance, one society reports 100% of its membership regularly attending its meetings, but the average is 75%.

In addition to their regular schedule most societies have engaged in Red Cross work and in assisting at the various Service Centers. One Society has given 1175 hours to this and another leads all the Churches of the city in its Red Cross activities. With Paul we pay tribute to those women who have labored so faithfully with us in the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. SNYDER, D.D.,

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Orval Awerkamp presented the

REPORT OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL SECRETARY

A number of items relative to the interest of the Parish and Church School Board have or soon will be history in the life of our church. Possibly the most

pertinent item is the introduction of the new Sunday School course known as the "Christian Growth Series." The new series is being prepared in cooperation with the American Lutheran Church and the Augustana Synod. The first quarter for the primary, the junior, and the intermediate departments will be ready for introduction in the Sunday Schools in October. Copies for examination should be ready for distribution in the late spring. Material for the second and following quarters will begin to appear in about two years. As soon as the Christian Growth Series begins to appear for a given department, further production of the Christian Life Course in that department will be abandoned. The first leaflet announcing the course has been distributed to pastors and Sunday School superintendents. Additional materials will be sent out in the near future. Articles are now appearing regularly in most of the periodicals of the church.

In cooperation with the synodical committees on parish education, the board is planning a series of district meetings in each synod of the church between May 1 and October 1. The date for the meetings in the California Synod has been set for May 19 to the 28th. These meetings are to help the congregation effectively to introduce and use the new lessons. Four leaders, one for primary materials, one for junior and one for intermediate will be present together with a representative of the board at these meetings. The second major objective for 1944 is an all-out effort to stop decline of Sunday School enrollment. A letter was sent out recently asking for information concerning enrollment in 1943, seeking causes for decline, and asking for suggestions to increase the enrollment. About 40% of the pastors have responded thus far.

Radical changes are being made in the Augsburg Uniform Lessons beginning with January 1, 1945. These changes are the result of changes made in the lesson outlines by the International Council of Religious Education, not by our board. There will not be a uniform Scripture passage for all age groups. Beginning with January 1, 1945, often there will be a different scripture lesson for study in each or in several of the departments of the school on a given Sunday. Naturally this will involve changes, especially in the Augsburg Sunday School Teacher and The Lesson Commentary, for several Bible passages will have to be considered each Sunday. In the near future you will receive an outline of changes that are being made in these lessons to meet the new situation. These changes will be introduced beginning with the first quarter of 1945.

The Children of the Church continues to develop in every way. There are more and better leaders, better congregational programs, and much better understanding and response. Financially the program had its best year in 1943. A total of $14,594.14 was raised on a $12,000.00 budget. New Children of the Church groups should be enrolled at the office of the Parish and Church School Board. The Children of the Church Festivals will be held November 5-12. The theme for these festivals will be: "The Printed Page for Children Around the World." There was an increase of over 22.4% in the number of subscriptions to the magazine during 1943. Improvements in content and make-up continue. A special movement to secure 10,000 subscribers is being continued.

The work of the board is to serve synods and congregations. The work of the board succeeds only as it helps congregations build and carry out their plans. Between the congregations and the board stands the synod with the synodical committee or chairman on parish education. That committee acts as a medium through which the board may speak to the congregations and through which the congregations may speak to the board. Both operations are helpful to all groups. The chairman expresses appreciation for the way in which congregations have cooperated. The board, the synod, and the local congregation are all working together with God to make disciples of all nations through baptizing and teaching. God's place in the educational activities must be recognized. He is the one who gives the power to the pages which all of us seek to have studied in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVAL AWERKAMP, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Rev. L. L. Berk of Oakland brought the greetings from the Augustana Synod to the convention. President Beasom responded.

Pastors Heidy and Heins reported to the convention on the work being done on the territory of Synod among the defense workers under the direction of the National Lutheran Council.

A motion prevailed that the election of a president be deferred until after the report of the special committee is given.

Session was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. H. Lucas.

VESPERS

Wednesday, May 3, 1944, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3rd, 1944, 7:00 p.m., Vespers under the auspices of the Synodical Brotherhood. Liturgist: Dr. Earnest A. Trabert. The address was by Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, "Tell the Vision to No Man". Music was furnished by the Choirs of First Church, Oakland, and St. Michael's, Berkeley. A Brotherhood Business and Social Hour followed the address, after which a sound picture "The Book of the World of Tomorrow" was shown, sponsored by the Men of St. Mark's.

THE FIFTH SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 3, 1944, 2:30 p.m.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Chaplain Paul Wolpert using the subject: "Getting Christ's Vision of the True Worth of the Individual" based on Matthew 9:36.

Roll was called followed by the reading of the minutes of the 4th session which were approved as read.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel gave its report.

Report of the Special Committee on "Full-Time President" was presented by the Secretary of that Committee, the Rev. Earnest A. Trabert.

RESOLUTION ON FULL-TIME PRESIDENT

Your Committee to which was referred the matter of presenting the necessary details for establishing the office of salaried President, reports that the office of the Presidency of the Synod of California for full time, be established under the following provisions:

1. First, there is adequate provision in the Constitution of the Synod of California for establishing this office:
2. Second, we recommend that the action of the Synod become effective on the first day of October, 1944:
3. Third, we recommend that the salary for the office be $4,000.00 per annum:
4. Fourth, we recommend that the expenses for maintaining this office be set at $1000.00:
5. Fifth, realizing that the effectiveness of administration will depend most largely upon the ability and experience of the one chosen, we recommend to the Synod the election and call of the Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.:
6. Sixth, in order that the increased expense for conducting this office may be met, we recommend that $.85 per communicant member be added to the Budget.

Motion prevailed to adopt this report seriatim.

Items 1 and 2 were unanimously adopted.

An amendment to Item 3 was lost.

Item 3 was adopted as presented originally.

An amendment to an amendment of Item 4 calling for an increase of the item of $1000 for expenses and maintenance of President's Office to $1500 per anum was adopted.

Item 4 was adopted as a whole.

Items 5 and 6 were unanimously adopted.

The following resolution of the lay-delegates was read as information in regard to this matter:

RESOLUTION OF LAY DELEGATES

"At a special meeting of Lay delegates held this morning, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved—That the Laymen in the convention heartily endorse the motion presented at the morning session of Synod to establish a full time paid President for the Synod of California."

Motion prevailed that rules be suspended and that election of Full-time President be the order.

The Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter presented the report of Advisor of Luther League for the Southern District.

REPORT OF THE ADVISOR OF LUTHER LEAGUE FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The past year has been a fruitful one for the young people of the Synod, who seem to have a strong sense of unity in spite of the fact that most of our young men have been called into the service of our country. Several things have contributed to this, most important of which are the following:

1. A smooth working synodical Luther League organization with able and consecrated leadership among the young people themselves, who have been taking more and more responsibility for the direction of their own program.

2. A number of rallies and conventions, some including a few neighboring churches, and others conference-wide. This inter-change of fellowship among our young people is invaluable in developing their loyalty to their Church and their sense of its unity and strength.

The Synodical League is endeavoring to include in its fellowship and activities the young people of every congregation in the Synod. Several new intermediate Leagues, comprising boys and girls of confirmation and post-confirmation age, have been organized during the past few months and are making splendid progress. The current project of the synodical League is to cooperate with the national organization in the building up of a Library fund for Philadelphia motherhouse.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of the significance of Luther League work among the young people of our congregations, your committee recommends that Pastors encourage their Luther Leagues to become active and responsive in their respective districts, and urges that the most whole-hearted support, cooperation and encouragement possible be given to Luther League activity by each individual Pastor and congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. KERSTETTER, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. J. George Dorn presented the report of the Advisor of the Luther League for the Northern District.

REPORT OF THE ADVISOR OF LUTHER LEAGUE FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT

The stage setting of life has changed. The world is trembling with vibrant movements. A new world is in the shaping and may be upon us sooner than we think. It will require vision, courage and action. It will mean a warfare against the old enemies of the church—selfishness and sin—as never before. While it will require maturity, yet it is not a task for maturity crippled by cynicism. It will challenge the best equipped and trained youth that the church can possibly produce to lead effectively. While these are stirring days for all, yet youth stands at the pivotal center.

War has made its inroads upon every phase of church life. However, our work among young people has suffered most of all. Many Leagues have been depleted of effective leadership.

Wise pastors and parents will cooperate in projecting plans for an effective youth program. Every young person should be challenged to take advantage of every phase of youth activity provided by the church. New youth groups should be organized as provided by the Luther League of America.

The Northern District held a very successful convention in Grace Lutheran Church, Richmond, the Rev. O. W. Awerkamp, Pastor. The next convention will be held in St. John's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, the Rev. Robert Romeis, Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
J. GEORGE DORN, Advisor

The Report was adopted.

Fritz Noel presented a report of the Boy's Camp which was adopted.

Tellers reported the election of the Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., as first full-time President of Synod.

Motion prevailed that the Election and Call to President Beasom be made unanimous.

It was moved that the Budget of Synod be adopted as a whole and amended in accordance with the new resolution on Full-time President, to make provision for salary and expenses of that office.

Carried.

Motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be instructed to set the percentages for distribution of apportionment receipts to the budgeted funds.

Ballots were spread for the election of Secretary and Treasurer. The elections of the Rev. E. A. Vosseler as Secretary and Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl as Treasurer of Synod was reported by the tellers. These officers were declared elected.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented by the Rev. Earnest A. Trabert.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

From reports made by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church the work upon our foreign fields is going forward, and the number of missionaries in active service is being increased, notwithstanding the condition of the times. During the past year special attention was directed towards our work in South America with particular emphasis upon Argentina. An appeal for special gifts for this work was made, and Sunday, January 30, 1944, was set apart as the day for presenting our Foreign Mission work, and for receiving such special gifts. We are informed that every congregation observed Foreign Mission Day, but only thirteen responded to the appeal for special gifts, providing $272.22 for this purpose.

In the fall of 1943 an effort was made to arrange for an itinerary for missionaries who had returned from Japan. Due to transportation difficulties, and the extreme pressure of congregational activities in this area, no regular itinerary could be arranged. At the same time a few congregations availed themselves of the services of these missionaries. A second attempt was made during the Epiphany Season of 1944 to make arrangements for this visitation of the congregations by missionaries. This effort met with little success, although again there were a few congregations which took advantage of the opportunity to secure first hand knowledge of the work on our Foreign Mission fields and the demand for the earnest and sincere prosecution of this work.

Every pastor of the Synod received information concerning the Congregational Mission Study Plan as projected by the Board of Foreign Missions, with copies of the study book, 'Forth'. Early in March, 1944, Reply Cards were sent to every pastor within the Synod requesting information concerning their response to this plan for study. The request called for an immediate reply for transmission to the Board of Foreign Missions. Only ten replied promptly, eleven others within three or four weeks, and nineteen failed to even return the Reply Card! In this connection we might ask, 'What's wrong with the pastors of the Synod of California?' The replies received indicate that only four of our congregations followed the Plan, two promised to do so in the future, and the others simply replied, "No".

The Board of Foreign Missions urges that this Plan is a long-range project. All pastors and congregations should keep this in mind and make preparations to put it into effect. Copies of "Forth", the basic text for the Plan, can be secured at a nominal cost from the Board, altho sufficient copies were sent to all pastors for members of the Church Council and other active leaders.

Our Board requests that arrangements be made for the visit of one of our returned missionaries to spend several weeks on the territory of the Synod of California, visiting individual congregations and holding classes for from two to five days during the week. This should be a matter for consideration by the Synod, and is submitted to this body.

The demands for Foreign Mission expansion in the post-war period will be

simply terrific. The opportunity for such an advance will be greater than in all modern history. Plans are being made by our Board to meet them. There will be a call for a large increase in the support of such work, which means receipts beyond apportionments through special gifts. Individual congregations, able to do so, are urged to undertake the full support of a missionary, or to assist in such support. The call to Churches and individuals is to support unordained native workers. At the present time but one congregation, that of the First Church of Glendale, is supporting such work. During the past year they contributed $100.00 towards this. There will also be a call for means to aid in the building of chapels for the use of native workers.

The Chairman of the Committee requests that he be granted fifteen minutes following the presentation of this report to present this phase of the work.

The total expense of the Chairman of the Committee was $3.95, all expended for postage.

Respectfully submitted,

EARNEST A. TRABERT, Chairman
EDWARD N. SPIRER
CHARLES P. SMITH

Before its adoption the Rev. A. C. Knudten spoke briefly in connection with the report.

The Rev. J. E. Oslund presented the Report of the Committee on Social Missions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MISSIONS

Your Committee arranged the itinerary for Dr. Oscar W. Carlson's visit to the California Synod under the auspices of the Board of Social Missions. A series of meetings was arranged in both the Northern and Southern Conferences. The scanty reports that have come in are unanimous in the expression that these visits and meetings were of immense value and benefit. Your Committee wishes to express appreciation to all pastors who cooperated so splendidly in making this visitation a success.

During a recent visit to this area, Dr. C. E. Krumbholz, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Conference, informed us that plans were being laid for welfare conferences to be held in both the Northern and Southern areas this coming Fall. Your Committee urges each pastor to lend his full support and cooperation to this effort and endeavor. There are indications that our Lutheran Church is beginning to awaken to its duty in the field of Christian social service. It is a need that is going to be most acute following the war, as is evidenced by the increasing need with which we come in contact every day. There is no community, no parish, that does not have its problems and that would not be benefitted by a program of this nature.

Your Committee calls attention to the coming Lutheran World Action appeal, and urges every possible support. During the coming year, $650,000 will be allotted to the Service Commission for its work among service men. This should prove of tremendous interest to us here in the California Synod, since there are no less than eight service centers in the territory of our Synod, with one or two additional ones being contemplated. In this connection we would urge pastors and local congregations to lend every possible aid to service personnel and exert every effort in keeping them in touch with their home church and congregation. That this may be the more efficiently accomplished, each pastor must exercise diligence in informing the Service Commission office of the addresses of those in the service from his particular congregation.

It is with deep concern and alarm that we learn of the tremendous increase of juvenile delinquency. There is much that the Church can do in seeking to stem this increase. We would recommend and urge a more intensive children's and young people's program within the respective churches and a renewed endeavor to contact and bring into the activities of the Church the children and young people of the respective communities. We would urge that each pastor contact local juvenile authorities and offer his services as a consultant and as an advisor, as well as his own and the services and facilities of his church in the juvenile programs in their community.

Many of us have already faced enough of the post war problem, particularly as it regards the return of service men and the disruption of home life, to realize its seriousness and magnitude. The problem is not one that is going to be solved solely by local community action, since it is quite apparent that many of those contributing to the problem are not going to return to the communities from which they came, nor be satisfied with a settled life after one of migration. We would recommend that serious thought and study be given to this problem and that, if possible, conferences be arranged for its consideration. For information, we mention that, in the matter of discharged service men, their names are obtainable from the local Selective Service Boards. Steps have already been taken in the Chaplains' Association to have chaplains contact pastors in the territories to which men are returning from the service.

Respectfully submitted,

J. EDWARD OSLUND, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The question as to whether the Archivist and Statisticians could be members of standing committees was raised. Motion prevailed that the interpretation of former actions and appointments of these officers on said committees be sustained.

Motion prevailed that the Committee on Constitution prepare a suitable by-law in accord with this interpretation. Ballots were prepared for the elections of STATISTICIAN and ARCHIVIST.

Tellers reported the election of the Rev. Henry Scherer as Statistician and of the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz as Archivist of Synod.

The Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter presented the report of the Committee on Student Work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK

The primary concern of the Synod's Committee on Education is the welfare of Lutheran students in colleges and universities in the territory served by the California Synod.

The official body through which the Synod works to accomplish this purpose is the organization known as the "Luther Associates", a body composed of interested Lutherans, meeting quarterly, and representing various Lutheran groups in Southern California.

The Purpose of the Luther Associates: (Section IV—Objects, Duties, Powers)—

"1. To aid in the preserving of our true faith and in conserving the unity of our youth in departing therefrom during their years of higher education in connection with our State Universities and colleges.

2. To encourage Lutheran and other students to grow in the Christian faith in the blessed assurance that our faith in Christ as the victory that overcometh the world.

3. To quicken, co-ordinate and effectively supervise and direct the natural energies, social and religious of our Lutheran students in their educational and vocational pursuits.

4. To stimulate them in their loyalty, devotion and service to their respective congregations, irrespective of the branch to which they belong.

5. To solicit and disburse funds, and devise ways and means for the accomplishment of the purposes of this organization as set forth in this constitution.

6. To elect pastor advisors sufficient to meet the need wherever Luther Clubs are organized, and to promote Luther Clubs where opportunity may demand and to decide the amount of compensation each is to receive."

Relationship of the Synod to Luther Associates: (Section III—Membership):

"This organization known as the Luther Associates shall consist of the following members: One pastor and one layman from each affiliated Synod or Conference chosen by the body to which he belongs and one woman from each affiliated Synod or Conference chosen by the Women's Society of the body to which she belongs; and advisory members; one student from each Luther

Club, preferably an officer, from each institution; one or more members (elective) when deemed wise and necessity may demand for administrative or promotion purposes, elected by the Luther Associates. Memberships shall be for one year only, beginning and ending with the fiscal year of the Religious Conference. The moral and financial support is to be merited by the Synods or Conferences choosing and having representation in the Luther Associates."

Way in which the work is carried on: The task of carrying on the work among the students falls primarily upon the shoulders of the Executive Secretary of the Luther Associates, at present Mrs. David Conrey of Santa Monica. It is her responsibility to contact the students in the various colleges and universities, organize the "Luther Clubs", and prepare weekly luncheon or dinner meetings of the Luther Clubs of the various institutions. Pastoral advisors for each Luther Club are then elected by the Luther Associates upon the recommendation of Mrs. Conrey, and are therefore the official representatives of the respective Synods. The chairman of your committee is serving at present as the pastoral advisor to the Luther Club at Los Angeles City College, the Luther Club at the University of California at Los Angeles (Westwood), and, until the recent discontinuing of the Specialized Training Program of the U. S. Army, served as civilian chaplain to the Lutheran men of the Army Specialized Training Unit stationed at Chapman College.)

Support of this program: One third of the amount needed to carry out the above program should come through the Synod; an equal amount is contributed by the American Lutheran Conference; and the remaining third is raised locally.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That, since the Luther Associates is the official organization through which the Synod operates in its educational program, it is recommended that we, as Pastors of the Synod, cooperate in every way possible with the program set up by the Luther Associates.

2. That the California Synod bear its share of the financial support of this program.

3. That a pastor and a layman be named as the representatives of the Synod to the Luther Associates; one woman, chosen by the Women's Missionary Society, (The name of Mrs. Georgia Dixon, a member of the First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, is recommended by your committee); and, as advisory members, the various U.L.C.A. students serving as officers of the various Luther Clubs, (the name of Miss Eleanor Drummond, Regional President of the Lutheran Student's Association of America, is recommended by your committee.)

4. That, in the Los Angeles Area, representatives of the University of Religious Conference be given the privilege of speaking in various churches and organizations to present the work of the Luther Associates and the Lutheran Student's Association of America.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. KERSTETTER, Chairman

Motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

In connection herewith, the supplemental report of Committee on Student Work was presented.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK

For more than two years a group of earnest men and women connected with the Christian Churches of San Jose, has been working to create and develop some type of organization on the campus of State College that would adequately care for a well-balanced and rich religious experience for our young people during their college years.

These efforts last Summer issued in an organization that solicited financial help from the various religious denominations in the rental of a center just off the campus, and the employment of a full time Director.

Seven or eight denominations responded with more or less generosity and these amounts with an appropriation from the Community Chest, enabled the calling of a Director. The Rev. Robert James who was then filling successfully a similar position in the University of New Hampshire, was called. He began his work with the opening of the school year and it has been a most splendid undertaking.

The work is directed by a Board of Men and Women who represent the different denominations making the financial contributions.

The center, just on the border of the campus, serves as a residence for the Director and his family, and provides a place for such activities as the Director may determine. It also serves as headquarters for the various denominational groups. A large office space is given this work in one of the administration buildings.

Since the opening of this work the Board of Education of the U.L.C.A., through the solicitation of Dr. W. E. Crouser, Pastor of the Grace Church, has been making regular contributions to its support, and Dr. Crouser has served as one of the Directors.

This worthy project should be tied up in some organizational way with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

It is therefore recommended that the Executive Committee of the Synod provide some definite, systematic arrangement with the Board of Education of the U.L.C.A., whereby the Synod and the Board shall function satisfactorily through a Student Work Committee of the Synod, not only in this case, but in all cases throughout the area of the Synod.

It is also recommended that Synod endorse this project and request of the Board an appropriation of not less than $150.00 for the next year.

It was moved that the Recommendation be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The motion prevailed.

The report was adopted.

Motion prevailed that nominations close and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballots of the Convention for Wm. Capel as a lay member of the Executive Committee of the Northern Conference.

Carried.

Motion prevailed that the nominations close and that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the Convention for Fritz C. Noel as lay member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Conference.

Carried.

The election of Clerical Members to U.L.C.A. Convention took place. The following were elected primary delegates: President James P. Beasom, Jr., Reverends H. Paul Romeis, Orval Awerkamp, Earnest A. Trabert. Alternates, Reverends H. A. Anspach, E. A. Vosseler, J. George Dorn, and A. B. Schwertz.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education was presented by Pastor Clifford Holand.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Communications have been received from Elvin F. Hansen of Western Seminary, Richard Drummond of Gettysburg Seminary and George A. Spindt of Northwestern Seminary expressing appreciation for the aid rendered them during the past year. Students Lorimer and Drummond graduate this spring.

Your Committee recommends that students Elvin F. Hansen and George A. Spindt be given $250.00 for the next year in order that they may complete the remainder of their seminary training.

It is recommended that the Synod adopt a policy of rendering aid to students on the basis of individual needs, rather than the giving of blanket amounts.

It is recommended that in view of the great need for men for the ministry that pastors and people give prayerful consideration to the securing of the best available men for the ministry.

C. B. HOLAND, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee of Social Missions of Southern California was presented by the Rev. H. I. Kohler.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SOCIAL MISSIONS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Social Mission Society of the Southern California Conference, an Affiliate of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, and a member of the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America submits the following report:

With a membership of approximately two hundred who contribute one dollar or more annual dues, supplemented by monthly percentage dividends from the Samaritan Society Inc., as one of three beneficiaries, from which source the Social Mission Society meets its requests for aid, makes special donations to the American Red Cross, the Lutheran Bible Institute in Los Angeles, the Luther Associates, Tabitha Home, and provides the tracts "Light For Today" for use by the Chaplain of both the California Lutheran Hospital and the Santa Monica Hospital. The Treasurer reports a balance April 31, 1944, of $3,900.75, $3,000 of which is earning dividends in the Coast Federal Savings and Loan Association of Los Angeles, California.

The Annual Vesper Meeting held in the First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, on Reformation Sunday afternoon, was well attended and inspiring with Dr. Albert B. Schwertz, pastor as Liturgist, and Dr. C. E. Krumbholz, New York, speaker.

Dr. Henry Irving Kohler, President, also Pacific Coast Chairman of the Los Angeles area, of the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America, elected last May, by the National Lutheran Welfare Conference in its Biennial meeting in Detroit, Michigan, together with a self-appointed local Committee, one pastor and one layman from each Pan Lutheran Branch are planning for a Regional Lutheran Welfare Conference later this year when dates can be arranged suitable for both President George C. Hansler, and Secretary, Dr. C. E. Krumbholz, who will attend, representing the National Lutheran Welfare Conference in America. Officers of the Social Mission Society are: President, Henry Irving Kohler, D.D.; Vice-President, Caroline Enders Young; Secretary, Mrs. F. V. Bluel; Assistant, Georgia Lowe Dickson; Treasurer, Sylvanus H. Yerian, D.D.

Board of Managers are elected for their respective terms annually from the Lutheran congregations in the Southern Conference.

Meetings are held monthly from January to July. Special meetings may be called by the President, during summer vacation months when matters of importance demand.

The report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by Rev. Howard Anspach.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Four meetings were held during the year as follows: San Francisco, July 13; Glendale, Nov. 16; San Francisco, Jan. 25; San Francisco, May 1.

Appropriations were granted as follows: Temple, San Francisco, $360, same as last year; St. John's, Oakland, $400; St. Paul's, Vallejo, $1400; Holy Trinity, Inglewood, $1650, reduction of $150; Grace, Santa Barbara, $700.

Temple, San Francisco, was commended to the congregations of Synod for offerings, same to be used for painting the building. The board of American Missions generously contributed several hundred dollars to aid in the renovation of the church.

Holy Trinity, Inglewood, dedicated two buildings during the year, a very small chapel, now used as Children's Church and Primary Sunday School department; and a chapel that will seat 175, to serve as the church building at present, and later to be the parish house of the congregation.

The property formerly occupied by Bethel, San Jose, has been sold and the proceeds turned over to the Board of American Missions, to be used for mission work in California.

The following congregations are to be commended and congratulated on having repaid their loans from the Board of American Missions, namely,

Grace, Alhambra; Grace, Phoenix, Ariz.; Grace, Richmond; and St. John's, Gardena.

Altadena. Having been approved for survey, $50 was appropriated for same, and Pastor A. L. Groseclose secured for the project. Findings proving satisfactory, the Board sent the Rev. Dr. M. J. Bieber to establish the work. A suitable house to serve temporarily as church and parsonage was purchased for $8,750, an adjoining lot for $800, and a corner lot next adjoining, which had reverted to the state for tax delinquency, is in the process of being secured. This is an excellent site, the very best in the territory. After considerable difficulty in securing variance from the zoning restrictions, Dr. Bieber moved in, and services began on March 26. Attendance has averaged 54 for 4 Sundays, and Sunday School 27 for 3 Sundays. All offerings and cash gifts amount to $199.02, and expenditures $46.02. Signed for charter membership, 14, not an index of expectations, which are high.

San Mateo. Under the shepherding of the Rev. Henry Scherer of the Board of American Missions, San Mateo was surveyed, and the congregation organized with a membership of 50. The Penn Furniture Store building, very adequate to the purpose, was secured for the holding of services, the Synod paying the rental fo $40 monthly through March. Pastor Westenbarger is temporarily in charge.

North Long Beach. Here came the Rev. Paul J. Geberding from the Board, and the survey made by him and Pastor Groseclose being promising, property was purchased, at a cost of $3200. It was a new restaurant building, 25 x 50 feet, on a lot 25 x 100 feet, the only place available in the territory. Sale of some fixtures netted $362.50, while expenditures made in the preparation of the building amounted to slightly more. First services, held on April 16, were attended by 61 persons. Signed for membership, 9.

The Rossmoyne section of Glendale, Calif., and Glendale, Arizona, and Tucson, have been approved for surveys, also the section of San Francisco south and west of the Mt. Davidson area along the coast.

A protest was lodged with the Regional Home Missions Council of No. Calif., because of the entry of the American Lutheran Church into the Mt. Davidson area. We later relinquished the territory under protest.

The committee recommended to the Board that $10,000 be loaned to First Church, Los Angeles, for the purchase of a property for a parsonage, and approved a loan of $3300 to First, Fresno, for purchase of a parsonage.

In a cooperative work among the Mexican population of the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles, St. Paul's Church is used by the Augustana Synod, by recommendation of the committee.

The committee has requested the Board to furnish a man for full time field work on the west coast.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Synod express grateful appreciation to the Board of American Missions for the services of the young men sent to serve on the territory last summer, and for the personal interest and attention of staff members in and to our work, and for such material aid as has been granted to carry on the work.

2. That we accept with gratitude the encouraging offer of the Board to support six new missions on the territory to be established during the year, and that we take steps to locate a number of prospective fields and make recommendations for immediate surveys.

Recommendations 1 and 2 were adopted.

Adopted as a whole.

The Supplementary Report of Home Missions Committee was presented in connection herewith.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Your committee has taken action to request the Board of American Missions to conduct surveys in an area of Sacramento already allocated to us by the Regional Home Mission Council, and an area of San Francisco to be determined

by the Mission Committee of the Northern Conference. Also an area in the Culver City district of Los Angeles to be determined by the Mission Committee of the Southern Conference.

The committee is recommending to the Board that the Rev. A. C. Knudten be called to serve as a special field missionary on the territory of our Synod.

We recommend that the Board send a Board Missionary to Phoenix to work with Pastor Lindsay with a view of establishing a new congregation in the Phoenix area.

The committee recommends that Synod authorize the licensure of Robert Wheatley for another year to continue his work at St. Paul's, Los Angeles, which is showing marked improvement under his leadership.

H. A. ANSPACH, Secretary

Report was adopted seriatim.

Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted.

Item 4 was stricken.

Adopted as a whole.

Ballots were prepared for the election of a Clerical Member of the Home Missions Committee of the Southern Conference and a Lay member of the Northern Conference.

The Secretary read the minutes of the Ministerium meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM MEETING

May 3, 1944, 11:30 a.m.

Meeting opened with prayer by Dr. W. S. Dysinger.

Reports of Conference Presidents were heard.

Dr. H. A. Anspach reported for the Southern Conference.

Rev. H. Paul Romeis reported for the Northern Conference.

Motion prevailed that Secretary of Synod together with Presidents of Conference be instructed to prepare a message and send to inactive and sick members.

Motion prevailed to receive into membership of Synod, Pastor F. F. Moyer, Rt. Chaplain of U. S. Navy, a member of 1st Church, San Diego.

Paster A. C. Knudten presented the report of the Examining Committee. L. A. Harschman was placed on roll of Synod.

With regard to the admission of Pastor G. C. Blessin, the motion prevailed that the Chairman of Examining Committee and the Chairman of Constitution Committee confer with each other and report to the Ministerium at a later meeting.

Motion prevailed to concur with the Examining Committee with reference to their recommendation in deferring the admission into Synod of Wm. A. Everest, an Episcopal Clergyman, for a year.

The President of Synod read a list of the beneficiaries of pensions and relief.

Secretary was instructed to send a letter to Mrs. Rosina Kabele urging her to unite with nearest Lutheran Church of U.L.C.A. in Chicago.

Executive Committee was authorized to ordain new pastors coming into Synod subject to their appearance before Examining Committee.

Motion prevailed that Robert Wheatley be re-licensed to another year in view of the continued emergency.

Adjourned with Prayer by Awerkamp.

The report was adopted.

Motion prevailed that the Officers of Synod be the fully elected Trustees of Synod.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was presented.

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Our organization did not meet during the past year but is looking forward

to increased activity now that our Synod is engaged in extensive Home Mission work.

There is a cash balance in the bank of $410.00.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. FRANKLIN A. SWANSON

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented by the Rev. A. B. Schwertz.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

This year marks the conclusion of the second year of the present chairmanship of this Committee. Operating somewhat independently of the other members on the Committee but praying for their good will, we submit the following report.

Throughout the year, at regular intervals, the "Stewardship Sizzilings" have gone forth to all the pastors and some of the laymen of the various congregations within the Synod. Whether or not these had any material effect I do not know. We have but one objective, and that is to keep the matter of Stewardship ever present before all of our congregations.

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we report that our Synod has captured the laurels of being the highest percentage and the largest Synod in paying 100% or more on our apportionment. The figures, as we have them listed, are the best index that we know to give a picture of the progress made by our Synod.

Number of congregations, 1943	38
Paid 100% and over	33
Reg. Apportionment paid	$23,426.87
Reg. Pct. App. Paid	106.83%
Special Benevolences Paid	$9,708.05

Praying that we may be worthy of all the blessings that God has bestowed upon us,

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, Chairman
Stewardship Committee

The report was adopted.

Five Minute Recess:

Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, representative of U.L.C.A. conducted a question and answer period.

At the close of this period, the following lay members were nominated as lay delegates to U.L.C.A. Convention: N. Jensen, Wm. Capel, F. J. Bowman, Henry Hahn, Clarence Derr, P. Peterson, L. Johnston, F. Jensen, Wm. F. Bening. Motion prevailed that nominations be closed.

Motion to elect lay-delegates to Convention at a later session was lost.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was conducted memorializing Dr. William Derr and Dr. E. Clarence Miller, late treasurer of the U.L.C.A. A fitting resolution of tribute to Dr. Miller was read by Rev. E. A. Trabert. Dr. H. J. Weaver was assisted by Reverends Wm. F. Poat, H. A. Anspach, and Daniel J. Snyder, who spoke words of tribute on behalf of Dr. Derr.

Adjournment.

IN MEMORIAM

REV. WILLIAM HERBERT DERR, D.D., entered into the life more abundant February 11, 1944. He was born in McEwensville, Pa., November 19, 1869. Educated there in the public schools he first became a printer at which trade he worked for several years when full time service in the Church challenged him.

Feeling a definite call to the ministry, he enrolled in the preparatory School of Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Pa., where he supported himself by working at his trade, later graduating from both the liberal arts and theological departments of the University.

He was ordained at Lewisburg, Pa., in 1903. He served two parishes in his native state before coming to California. They were a country parish out of Montoursville, and after that a parish at Downingtown. He was called to become pastor of Trinity congregation, Pasadena, Calif., in 1912, which was then a mission. Under his leadership the congregation became self-supporting and enjoyed a steady growth. In 1927 the present beautiful church was built. In 1935, after twenty-three years of faithful service, his strength having been overtaxed by the heavy financial burdens of the congregation in the worst depression years, he resigned because of ill health.

After five years of semi-retirement, in 1940 he was elected president of the Synod, and was head of that body during its golden jubilee year. During his incumbency his alma mater honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Twenty years previously he had served two terms as president. While still president of Synod, when his close friend, the Rev. D. Edward Wright was commissioned a chaplain in the U. S. Navy, Dr. Derr became interim pastor, serving for two years, when ill health again overtook him, and he resigned. Stricken with a heart attack the Sunday preceding his death, he was taken to the Pasadena Lutheran Hospital, where he seemed to be improving steadily. Then came word of his passing early Friday morning.

Besides his work in the parish of Trinity Church, Pasadena, throughout which community he was held in highest regard both within and without the congregation, to Dr. Derr must be attributed to a great extent the success of work among young people in the Southern Conference of the Synod. He was on the first committee, and one of the directors and leaders of Camps David and Ruth, boys' and girls' mountain camps of the conference, from organization to the time of his death.

Congenial, considerate, self-effacing, self-sacrificing, his memory lives on in Trinity Parish and Synod in the love and esteem of his beloved people, for his works do follow him.

SIXTH SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 4, 1944, 2:00 p.m.

Devotions were conducted by Chaplain Paul Wolpert, who spoke on the subject: "The Abundant Life" based on John 10:10.

Roll Call was followed by the Reading of minutes of 5th Session.

Mr. Fritz C. Noel and Mr. Wm. Capel were elected lay delegates to U.L.C.A. Convention.

Motion prevailed that after this ballot, the election be confined to the six highest nominees.

Motion prevailed to receive the following as information:

President H. A. Anspach of the Southern Conference reported the elections of the following officers: President, H. A. Anspach; Vice-President, A. B. Schwertz; Secretary, C. B. Smith; Treasurer, A. Alm.

President H. Paul Romeis of the Northern Conference reported the elections of the following officers: President, H. Paul Romeis; Vice-President, W. C. Crouser; Secretary, Paul Wolpert; Treasurer, T. Howard.

Guy L. Hudson presented the report of the Committee on Letters and Papers.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Letters of greeting were received from the Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D., and the Rev. Henry W. Opperman, both of which have been read to the Synod.

We request that the Secretary reply to both of these, our brethren in Christ, assuring them of our hearty good wishes and earnest prayers for their Christian welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

GUY L. HUDSON, Chairman

The report was adopted.

A. C. Knudten presented the report of the Committee on President's Report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee on the President's report has noted with gratitude the items covered by this report—items which touch on the total field of the work of our church, many of which already have been dealt with in actions of Synod in recommendations of other committees. We would, therefore, call attention to those phases of the report which call for further thought and action as follows:

1. The great urgency that exists for both pastor and people to prepare themselves for an effective part, not only in the spiritual rehabilitation of the service personnel and persons of all areas involved in the disruptive changes of the war industries, but their physical and moral rehabilitation as a vital part of practical Christianity.

2. As we unite in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the opportunities that He has given to our Synod, and to the Board of American Missions for their very considerable help in carrying forward our program of expansive evangelism, we also dedicate ourselves anew to the task of strengthening the inner defenses of our congregations so as to meet the challenge of post-war adjustments without sacrificing any of the present gains.

3. The progress of our Synod as a whole in the direction of our interest in areas of need other than our own as seen in the over-payment of goals in Lutheran World Action and Benevolences in general is not only a worthy accomplishment but a precedent for the future.

4. The failure of most of our congregations to participate in the Pension Plan being due largely to lack of understanding rather than to opposition, it would seem wise to make a survey of the outstanding questions in the minds of our Church Councils, and on that basis to prepare information to meet our local needs.

5. We would welcome and congratulate St. Andrew's Lutheran Church of San Mateo in their organization and reception into the Synod as a member congregation. We extend a hand of welcome to the new men from the Seminaries who are joining our ranks in the near future.

A. C. KNUDTEN, Chairman

Paul Wolpert presented the Report of Committee on Resolutions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee on Resolutions is charged in the By-Laws with the presentation of a summary of local and national issues as they may relate and affect the life of the Church. We regret that this has not been done, but refer the Synod to the report of the Committee for the 52nd Convention, Pages 36 and 37, which is just as applicable today.

The following resolutions are submitted for your consideration:

A. We deeply appreciate the kind hospitality extended to us by the pastor, the officers and members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially in view of the fact that they generously offered their Church for this convention, and recommend that this body express their gratitude by a standing vote, and that this resolution be presented to this congregation at a public service.

B. We recommend that this body also express its gratitude to the Chamber of Commerce for the printing of the programs and to the newspapers of San Francisco for the splendid publicity given to this Convention.

We express our gratitude to the choirs of St. Mark's Church, St. Matthew's Church, First Church of Oakland and St. Michael's of Berkeley.

C. To the President and other officers of the Synod for their devotion to their duties and responsibilities which have aided greatly in the advancements which have been achieved.

D. That we express our sincere appreciation for the presence of Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, the official representative of the United Lutheran Churches of America for his practical, unique and efficient method of presenting the work of the whole Church, and for his inspiring, eloquent and informative addresses.

E. Whereas, the United Lutheran Church of America has suffered a great loss in the death of E. Clarence Miller, L.L.D., the Treasurer of that body since its organization as a Synod. We deeply deplore this loss, while we thank God for his service to the Church with the Prayer that his example may be an inspiration to other laymen.

F. Whereas, the Reverend William H. Derr, D.D., a former president of this Synod and for many years a faithful and devoted pastor, has been removed from the Church on earth to the Heavenly Kingdom, we hereby express our great sense of loss, and invoke the blessing of heavenly comfort on those near and dear to him.

The Committee on Resolutions

G. Whereas the United Lutheran Church has recommended the appointment of synodical committees, on church music, and whereas the Synod does not now have such a committee, be it resolved that such a standing committee be provided for by an amendment to the by-laws, and that such a committee be appointed.

H. We express our great appreciation of the truly spiritual messages given by the Chaplain of this Convention in the daily devotions.

PAUL WOLPERT, Chairman

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 were adopted seriatim.

Adopted as a whole.

The Trustees of Synod report presented by H. Paul Romeis was received as information.

Motion prevailed that the matter of adequate help for the Secretary of Synod be referred to the Executive Committee.

The report of the Committee on Publicity presented by the Rev. J. George Dorn was received as information.

Mr. F. J. Bowman was elected lay delegate to U.L.C.A. Convention.

The Chairman of the Constitution Committee presented an amendment to the By-Laws. By-Law VIII "Standing Committees" which inserts after the word "committee" on line 5 the following: "the Statistician and Archivist."

Adopted.

The Rev. A. C. Knudten presented the Rev. S. O. Thorlakson who brought greetings to this body from the Icelandic Synod.

Mr. Percy Peterson was elected as the 4th lay delegate, and Clarence Derr, Henry Hahn, W. E. Lebold, and Nels Jensen as alternate delegates to the U.L.C.A. Convention.

The Rev. Robert Kerstetter presented the report of Committee on Excuses.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

The following have sent formal excuses for absence from this convention: S. H. Yerian, C. F. Oehler, C. W. Maggart, Peter Altpeter, H. C. Lindsay, J. E. Hoick, C. A. Miller, A. E. Isham, H. L. Bosserman, W. C. Miller, W. J. Dentler, Chaplains D. E. Wright and C. F. Crouser, and a lay delegate, Mr. Elmer Hedman.

The following have asked to be excused from the Thursday sessions: A. B. Schwertz, H. I. Kohler, and lay delegates Henry Vogel and Ed Nelson.

The committee recommends that Chaplains D. L. Dyerson, H. W. Opperman, Lawrence Vosseler, F. A. Swanson and all aged and infirm ministers be automatically excused.

No excuses were received from A. J. Soldan, Albert Fieblekorn and E. N. Spirer. The committee recommends that the Secretary of Synod communicate with the above-mentioned brethren and notify them of their obligations as members of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. KERSTETTER, Chairman

The report was adopted.

An invitation to have the 54th Convention of California Synod meet at Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, was accepted.

After declaring a 5 minute recess the Ministerium met in special session. The Rev. J. George Dorn reported that the special committee consisting of members of the Constitution and Examining Committees recommended the enrollment of Pastor Gustav Blessin as a member of synod.

Carried.

Adjournment of Ministerium.

Report on World Action was presented by the Rev. Howard A. Anspach.

REPORT ON WORLD ACTION

Synod exceeded its assigned quota for 1943 by more than 25%, the final sum raised being in excess of $6200.

The prospects for the campaign this year which will reach its climax on May 7th are quite promising, most congregations having assured the director that their full quotas would be forth-coming. The synodical quota is $6000.

H. A. ANSPACH

The report was adopted.

Mr. L. S. Johnston was elected lay member from Northern Conference on Home Missions Committee.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz was elected clerical member from the Southern Conference on Home Missions Committee.

Motion prevailed that a special committee be appointed to arrange for special induction ceremonies for the full-time President of Synod.

Wm. B. Scheehl presented the report of Committee on Claims.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

Your committee examined the claims and recommended allowance for the following:

Transportation allowance for Clergymen	$312.68	
Transportation allowance for Lay Delegates	222.69	
Total Travel Allowances		$535.37
Miscellaneous claims		29.05
Grand Total of all claims allowed		$564.42

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE,

W. B. SCHEEHL, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Supplementary Report of President of Synod was referred to Executive Committee for acceptance.

Motion prevailed that a resolution thanking the Chamber of Commerce and the local press for courtesies be included in the report of that committee.

Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz conducted the final discussion period.

Secretary of Synod read the minutes of the last session.

Approved.

Adjournment took place after which the Installation of the newly elected officers took place.

The 53rd Convention then formally closed with the use of the prescribed form.

APPENDIX A—TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONGREGATIONS—Northern Conference

Congregation	Apportionment Paid	Percent	L.W.A.	Ministerial Pensions	Other	Total
Berkeley, St. Michael's	$ 742.00	101.4	$ 309.70	$ 25.00	$ 30.00	$ 1,106.70
Fresno, First	492.00	100	209.82		10.00	711.82
Fresno, St. Paul's	485.75	101.2	112.00			597.75
Fresno, Wartburg	170.00	123.2	60.00			230.00
Oakland, First	456.54	117.1	341.12	70.00	179.56	1,047.22
Oakland, St. John's	120.41	50.1	65.00			185.41
Richmond, Grace	505.00	133.6	200.00		25.00	730.00
Sacramento, First	1,122.00	100	286.00			1,408.00
Sacramento, St. John's	408.00	100	105.62			513.62
San Francisco, First	165.70	72.7	64.00			229.70
San Francisco, St. Mark's	880.00	114.6	204.00	26.00	219.00	1,329.00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	285.00	101	100.00	40.00	15.00	440.00
San Francisco, Temple	216.00	100	29.50	20.00		265.50
Sanger, St. Paul's	120.00	105.3	7.00	7.00		134.00
*San Jose, Bethel	16.00				6.50	22.50
San Jose, Grace	426.00	100	152.00	10.00		588.00
San Mateo, St. Andrew's	20.00	No Appt.		8.60	22.05	50.65
Vallejo, St. Paul's	130.56	No Appt.	44.20			174.76
Totals, Northern Conference	$ 6,760.96	104.4	$2,289.96	$206.60	$ 507.11	$ 9,764.63

APPENDIX B—TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONGREGATIONS—Southern Conference

Congregation	Apportionment Paid	Percent	L.W.A.	Ministerial Pensions	Other	Total
Alhambra, Grace	$ 810.00	100	$ 111.55			$ 921.55
Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills	570.00	100	150.00		$ 121.00	841.00
Gardena, St. John's	333.85	123.6	72.00		53.97	459.82
Glendale, First	2,306.00	139.3	525.00	$100.00	925.00	3,856.00
Hollywood, Hollywood	1,716.00	100	410.00	1.00	202.50	2,329.50
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	985.00	107.3	242.65	100.00	34.90	1,362.55
Inglewood, Holy Trinity	400.00	105.8	125.00	50.00		575.00
Long Beach, Trinity	798.00	84.7	180.80	46.26		1,025.06
Los Angeles, Bethany	528.37	100	100.00		50.00	678.37
Los Angeles, First	1,104.00	100	328.00	100.00	75.00	1,607.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	404.54	102.1	85.00	25.00		514.54
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	79.33	49	20.00		7.45	106.78
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	666.00	100	150.00	50.00	198.20	1,064.20
Pasadena, Trinity	1,056.00	100	322.30	146.05	172.49	1,696.84
Phoenix, Grace	1,428.00	100	404.38		32.50	1,864.88
Redlands, First	244.90	104.7	64.00	30.00		338.90
Riverside, Trinity	270.00	100				270.00
San Bernardino, First	432.00	100	121.00		46.11	599.11
San Diego, First	1,215.11	200.5	332.19	20.60	74.00	1,641.90
Santa Barbara, Grace	175.95	117.3	37.15			213.10
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	866.86	125.6	142.11	4.81	17.41	1,031.19
Westwood, Village	276.00	100	72.00		25.00	373.00
Totals, Southern Conference	$16,665.91	109.2	$3,995.13	$673.72	$2,035.53	$23,370.29
Northern Conference	$ 6,760.96	104.4	$2,289.96	$206.60	$ 507.11	$ 9,764.63
Synodical Totals	$23,426.87	107.8	$6,285.09	$880.32	$2,542.64	$33,134.92
English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles			202.98			
Women's Missionary Society Synod of California			77.00			
Offerings, Synodical Convention			99.51			
Grand Total, L.W.A.			$6,664.58			379.49
						$33,514.41

* Disbanded in May, 1943.

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1944

Apportionment rate $4.85 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Alcatraz & Benvenue	200	$ 81.00	$ 972.00
Fresno	First	630 Ferger Ave.	152	61.00	732.00
Fresno	St. Paul's	California & Lotus	126	51.00	612.00
Fresno	Wartburg	561 "D" St.	35	15.00	180.00
Oakland	First	Grove & Sixteenth St.	170	69.00	828.00
Oakland	St. John's	55th & Edgerly Sts.	61	25.00	300.00
Richmond	Grace	Barrett & 13th	196	79.00	948.00
Sacramento	First English	4th Ave. & 39th St.	155	63.00	756.00
Sacramento	St. John's	1701 "L" St.	290	117.00	1,404.00
San Francisco	First English	1357 Geary St.	63	25.00	300.00
San Francisco	St. Mark's	1135 O'Farrell St.	285	115.00	1,380.00
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	4281 16th St.	100	40.00	480.00
San Francisco	Temple	15 Latona St.	55	22.00	264.00
Sanger	St. Paul's	1122 "N" St.	26	10.00	120.00
San Jose	Grace	Julian & 2nd Sts.	118	48.00	576.00
San Mateo	St. Andrew's	Masonic Hall	41	16.00	192.00
Vallejo	St. Paul's	1309 Tuolumne St.	78	31.00	372.00
TOTALS NORTHERN CONFERENCE			2151	$ 868.00	$10,416.00

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1944

Apportionment rate $4.85 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Alhambra	Grace	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	137	$ 55.00	$ 660.00
Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	100 N. Doheny Drive	181	73.00	876.00
Gardena	St. John's	1102 W. 163rd St.	81	33.00	396.00
Glendale	First	233 S. Kenwood St.	518	209.00	2,508.00
Hollywood	Hollywood	1733 N. New Hampshire	433	175.00	2,100.00
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	2721 E. Florence Ave.	263	106.00	1,272.00
Inglewood	Holy Trinity	85th & Crenshaw Drive	133	54.00	648.00
Long Beach	Trinity	8th St. & Linden Ave.	256	103.00	1,236.00
Los Angeles	Bethany	7011 S. San Pedro St.	149	60.00	720.00
Los Angeles	First English	3119 W. 6th St.	341	138.00	1,656.00
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1122 W. 36th Place	122	49.00	588.00
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	3010 Eagle St.	41	17.00	204.00
No. Hollywood	St. Matthew's	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	218	88.00	1,056.00
Pasadena	Trinity	997 E. Walnut St.	302	122.00	1,464.00
Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	1124 N. Third St.	495	197.00	2,364.00
Redlands	First	E. Olive at Myrtle	75	30.00	360.00
Riverside	Trinity	3911 Walnut	65	26.00	312.00
San Bernardino	First	631 Sixth St.	122	49.00	588.00
San Diego	First	1320 Second Ave.	225	91.00	1,092.00
Santa Barbara	Grace	1109 Anacapa St.	38	15.00	180.00
Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Lincoln & Washington	215	87.00	1,044.00
Westwood	Village	1500 S. Sepulveda Blvd.	62	25.00	300.00
TOTALS SOUTHERN CONFERENCE			4472	$1,802.00	$21,624.00
TOTALS BOTH CONFERENCES			6623	$2,670.00	$32,040.00

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1943

Pastoral Charge	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geographical Location		Pastor	Language Used	Baptized	Membership Confirmed	Comm.
Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	6409 Benvenue Ave. (Oakland)	*a	Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	E	425	277	200
Fresno	First	1917	630 Ferger Ave.	*b	Vacant	E	347	227	152
Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	2112 Lotus Ave.	*b	August Siegmund Claus	EG	639	474	126
Fresno	Wartburg	1904	561 D St.	*b	John C. Bitter	EG	190	178	35
Oakland	First	1890	Grove and 16th Sts.	*a	H. Paul Romeis	E	366	271	170
Oakland	St. John's	1921	55th Ave. and Edgerley St.	*a	O. H. Gruver (Supply)	E	222	85	61
Richmond	Grace	1924	Barrett and 13th	*a	Orval Awerkamp	E	402	321	196
Sacramento	First English	1890	4th Ave. and 39th St.	*a	Paul H. Wolpert	E	322	234	155
Sacramento	St. John's	1867	1701 L St.	*a	Robert S. Romeis	E	588	397	290
San Francisco	First English	1886	1357 Geary St.	*a	John R. Broyer, Ph.D.	E	206	113	63
San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell St.	*a	J. George Dorn, D.D.	E	655	471	285
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1895	4281 16th St.	*a	Herman Lucas	EG	386	200	100
San Francisco	Temple	1917	15 Latona St.	*a	Henry F. Schmidt	E	284	120	55
Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1122 N St.	*d	Otto Becker	GE	138	112	26
San Jose (Disb.)	Bethel	1899							
San Jose	Grace	1892	Julian and Second Sts.	*b	William E. Crouser, D.D.	E	366	234	118
Vallejo	St. Paul's	1943	1309 Tuolomne St.	*a	Joseph W. Peterson	E	128	82	78
1943 Totals							5,664	3,796	2,110
1942 Totals							5,280	3,415	1,766
Increase							384	381	344
Decrease									

PULATIONS: a—over 100,000; b—25,000 to 100,000; c—10,000 to 25,000; d—2,500 to 10,000.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1943

Index No.	Pastoral Charge	Congregation	When Organized	Address or Geographical Location		Pastor	Language Used	Membership Baptized	Membership Confirmed	Membership Comm.
18	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	*b	D. Edward Wright	E	563	318	137
19	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive	*b	Guy L. Hudson	E	398	296	181
20	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 W. 163rd St.	*d	Arthur C. Knudten	E	189	115	81
21	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St.	*a	J. P. Beasom, Jr., M.A., D.D.	E	1,088	902	518
22	Hollywood	Hollywood	1921	1733 N. New Hampshire Ave.	*a	Robert D. Kerstetter, Ph.D.	E	1,035	727	433
23	Huntington Pk.	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave.	*b	Herbert J. Weaver, D.D.	E	670	399	263
24	Inglewood	Holy Trinity	1941	85th and Crenshaw Drive	*b	Franklin A. Swanson	E	256	185	133
25	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	Eighth St. and Linden Ave.	*b	Daniel J. Snyder, D.D.	E	537	365	256
26	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro St.	*a	H. I. Kohler, D.D., S.T.D., Th.D.	E	544	327	149
27	Los Angeles	First English	1887	3119 W. 6th St.	*a	Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.	E	713	579	341
28	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place	*a	John B. Nield, Ph.D.	E	269	213	122
29	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1914	3010 Eagle St.	*a	Robert C. Wheatley	E	55	41	41
30	No. Hollywood	St. Matthew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	*b	Edward N. Spirer	E	551	363	218
31	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	997 E. Walnut St.	*a	Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	E	565	441	302
32	Phoenix	Grace	1914	1124 N. Third St.	*a	H. C. Lindsay	E	861	572	495
33	Redlands	First	1901	E. Olive at Myrtle	*c	Carl A. Miller	E	121	80	75
34	Riverside	Trinity	1894	3911 Walnut	*b	W. F. Poat, LL.D.	E	226	115	65
35	San Ber'dino	First	1907	631 G St.	*b	Arthur W. Alm	E	405	270	122
36	San Diego	First	1888	1320 2nd Ave.	*a	Erwin A. Vosseler	E	644	418	225
37	Santa Barbara	Grace	1904	1109 Anacapa St.	*b	Francis C. Pryor	E	97	72	38
38	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	Lincoln Blvd. & Washington Ave.	*b	Clifford B. Holand	E	410	308	215
39	Westwood	Village	1937	1500 S. Sepulveda Blvd.	*c	A. J. Soldan, D.D.	E	194	125	62
	1943 Totals							10,391	7,231	4,472
	1942 Totals							9,487	6,654	4,091
	Increase							904	577	381
	Decrease									

GENERAL SUMMARY

	Baptized	Confirmed	Comm.
Northern Conference	5,664	3,796	2,110
Southern Conference	10,391	7,231	4,472
Grand Totals—1943	16,055	11,027	6,582
Grand Totals—1942	14,767	10,069	5,857
Increase	1,288	958	725
Decrease			

* POPULATIONS: a—over 100,000; b—25,000 to 100,000; c—10,000 to 25,000; d—2,500 to 10,000.

ortioned		
Amt. Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
742	1,459	6,448
492	1,385	5,844
486	922	5,032
170	170	2,018
457	1,851	9,003
120	185	2,308
505	880	12,092
408	671	3,930
1,122	1,773	9,963
166	233	3,179
880	2,306	13,206
285	723	6,558
216	366	2,272
120	134	1,295
16	23	23
426	855	3,397
131	231	1,709
6,742	14,167	88,277
5,209	9,086	79,248
1,533	5,081	9,029

810	1,297	7,208
570	841	4,897
334	484	4,359
2,306	5,379	26,032
1,716	3,432	22,071
985	1,803	5,821
400	575	2,724
798	1,213	8,302
528	1,163	5,304
1,104	3,114	17,528
405	515	3,299
79	97	1,153
666	1,958	6,153
1,056	2,932	14,934
1,428	2,916	18,062
245	339	2,728
270	564	3,202
432	660	4,431
1,215	2,278	11,463
176	302	1,824
867	2,757	12,857
276	373	3,703
6,666	34,992	188,055
2,291	21,059	156,339
4,375	13,933	31,716

6,742	14,167	88,277
6,666	34,992	188,055
3,408	49,159	276,332
7,500	30,145	235,587
5,908	19,014	40,745

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1943

Northern Conference

FINANCIAL

Index Number	Valuation of Church Property: Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	Congregational Benevolence: Unapportioned: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Apportioned: Amt. Apportioned	Amt. Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
1	12,500		6,000		1,950	20,450		4,242	747	4,989		15	15		687	717	732	742	1,459	6,448
2	10,000		3,500		856	14,356	2,400	3,691	768	4,459				45	848	893	492	492	1,385	5,844
3	5,000	4,000	4,300			13,300	1,000	3,130	980	4,110					436	436	480	486	922	5,032
4	7,000					7,000		1,768	80	1,848							138	170	170	2,018
5	10,000		2,500			12,500	303	5,777	1,375	7,152	196	47	48	20	1,083	1,394	390	457	1,851	9,003
6	8,000		2,000			10,000	3,500	1,373	750	2,123					65	65	240	120	185	2,308
7	18,000	3,000				21,000		4,256	6,956	11,212				150	225	375	378	505	880	12,092
8	26,000			834		26,834		2,956	303	3,259		16			247	263	408	408	671	3,930
9	90,000	6,000		850	4,200	101,050	4,562	6,704	1,486	8,190		50			601	651	1,122	1,122	1,773	9,963
10	45,000					45,000		2,867	79	2,946					67	67	228	166	233	3,179
11	100,000			65,000	15,000	180,000		9,646	1,254	10,900	202	79	153	384	608	1,426	768	880	2,306	13,206
12	32,000					32,000		5,835		5,835		15			423	438	282	285	723	6,558
13	7,000	5,000				12,000	1,600	1,756	150	1,906				120	30	150	216	216	366	2,272
14	4,000	2,000				6,000	320	1,062	99	1,161				7	7	14	114	120	134	1,295
15															7	7	54	16	23	23
16	35,000	3,000				38,000	2,500	2,172	370	2,542	37				392	429	426	426	855	3,397
17		10,907		129	3,550	14,586		1,413	65	1,478	56				44	100		131	231	1,709
1943 Totals	409,500	33,907	18,300	66,813	25,556	554,076	16,185	58,648	15,462	74,110	491	222	216	726	5,770	7,425	6,468	6,742	14,167	88,277
1942 Totals	415,500	21,200	18,300	61,902	10,412	527,314	19,817	50,797	19,365	70,162	35	365	71	1,435	1,971	3,877	5,814	5,209	9,086	79,248
Increase		12,707		4,911	15,144	26,762		7,851		3,948	456		145		3,799	3,548	654	1,533	5,081	9,029
Decrease	6,000						3,632		3,903			143		709						

Southern Conference

Index Number	Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amt. Apportioned	Amt. Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
18	25,000					25,000	745	3,160	2,751	5,911		145	209	21	112	487	810	810	1,297	7,208
19	12,500				2,000	14,500		3,550	506	4,056		20			251	271	570	570	841	4,897
20	15,000					15,000	2,000	2,215	1,660	3,875					150	150	270	334	484	4,359
21	30,000		6,861	200	9,942	47,003		12,653	8,000	20,653	500	1,120			1,453	3,073	1,656	2,306	5,379	26,032
22	64,000		2,500		3,000	69,500		11,369	7,270	18,639	148	326	125	97	1,020	1,716	1,716	1,716	3,432	22,071
23	12,000		500	7,156	636	20,292		3,805	213	4,018		10	10	181	617	818	918	985	1,803	5,821
24	1,000			6,612	3,500	11,112	4,000	1,269	880	2,149					175	175	368	400	575	2,724
25	60,000					60,000	929	3,970	3,119	7,089		79	104	182	50	415	942	798	1,213	8,302
26	15,500					15,500	3,565	3,307	834	4,141	25			85	525	635	528	528	1,163	5,304
27	87,000					87,000		14,414		14,414	100	462		200	1,248	2,010	1,104	1,104	3,114	17,528
28	25,000					25,000		2,784		2,784					110	110	396	405	515	3,299
29	30,000					30,000	2,875	1,056		1,056		7			11	18	162	79	97	1,153
30	30,200					30,200		4,195		4,195		21	10	100	1,161	1,292	666	666	1,958	6,153
31	51,764				1,066	52,830	11,613	5,839	6,163	12,002	5	10	85	539	1,237	1,876	1,056	1,056	2,932	14,934
32	37,700	6,000		2,826		46,526	13,190	8,585	6,561	15,146		407			1,081	1,488	1,428	1,428	2,916	18,062
33	10,000	1,800				11,800		2,389		2,389					94	94	234	245	339	2,728
34	10,000	2,500	4,500			17,000		2,227	411	2,638					294	294	270	270	564	3,202
35	6,500				350	6,850		3,267	504	3,771		8	30	44	146	228	432	432	660	4,431
36	17,000			1,350		18,350		6,791	2,394	9,185	65	214	70	96	618	1,063	606	1,215	2,278	11,463
37	10,000	2,000				12,000		1,522		1,522					126	126	150	176	302	1,824
38	42,500		15,000			57,500	48,000	6,318	3,782	10,100		270	100		1,520	1,890	690	867	2,757	12,857
39				3,000	1,000	4,000		3,330		3,330					97	97	276	276	373	3.703
1943 Totals	592,664	12,300	29,361	21,144	21,494	676,963	83,317	108,015	45,048	153,063	843	3,099	743	1,545	12,096	18,326	15,248	16,666	34,992	188,055
1942 Totals	586,050	11,800	28,695	2,844	21,070	650,459	108,785	97,364	37,916	135,280	462	2,879	716	1,431	3,280	8,768	13,042	12,291	21,059	156,339
Increase	6,614	500	666	18,300	424	26,504		10,651	7,132	17,783	381	220	27	114	8,816	9,558	2,206	4,375	13,933	31,716
Decrease							25,468													

GENERAL SUMMARY

	Church Buildings	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amt. Apportioned	Amt. Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
N. Conf.	409,500	33,907	18,300	66,813	25,556	554,076	16,185	58,648	15,462	74,110	491	222	216	726	5,770	7,425	6,468	6,742	14,167	88,277
S. Conf.	592,664	12,300	29,361	21,144	21,494	676,963	83,317	108,015	45,048	153,063	843	3,099	743	1,545	12,096	18,326	15,248	16,666	34,992	188,055
1943	1,002,164	46,207	47,661	87,957	47,050	1,231,039	99,502	166,663	60,510	227,173	1,334	3,321	959	2,271	17,866	25,751	21,716	23,408	49,159	276,332
1942	1,001,550	33,000	46,995	64,746	31,482	1,177,773	128,602	148,161	57,281	205,442	497	3,244	787	2,866	5,251	12,645	18,856	17,500	30,145	235,587
Increase	614	13,207	666	23,211	15,568	53,266		18,502	3,229	21,731	837	77	172		12,615	13,106	2,860	5,908	19,014	40,745
Decrease							29,100							595						

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For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1943

Index Number	MEMBERSHIP																				EDUCATION															Group Organizations							
				Child Members									Adult Members								Parish											High. Ed.										
				Access.			Losses						Accessions					Losses			Sunday Schools				W.D. Sch.			C. of C.														
	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	By Baptism	By Certificate	Total	Trans. by Confirm.	By Death	Otherwise	Total	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism	By Confirmation	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	By Death	By Certificate	Otherwise	Total	Number	Staff Members	In Sunday School	In Home Dept.	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Pupils	Leaders	Pupils	No. Catechumens	In Luth. Seminaries	In Other Luth. Inst.	In Non-Luth Inst.	No. Men's	No. Members	No. Women's	No. Members	No. Mixed	No. Members	No. Young People's	No. Members
Northern Conference																																											
1	425	277	200	20		20					20		5	9	5	5	24	2	4		6	1	10	75		25						14			8	1	45	4	86			1	8
2	347	227	152	17		17			2	2	15		9	9	3	8	29		5	1	6	1	16	114		20						18	1		1			2	53			1	12
3	639	492	126	30		30	6	1		7	23			6	26		32	10	8		18	1	9	75								12			1	1	25	2	120				
4	190	178	35	3		3	2			2	1			2		4	6	2		1	3	1	5	39								4						1	37			1	25
5	366	271	170	14	6	20	10		6	16	4		4	10	26	24	64	4	8		12	1	13	90		18						19			5			4	109			1	21
6	222	85	61	3		3	7	3		10		7	2	7			9	1	2	7	10	1	7	45		10						8						2	40				
7	402	321	196	18	20	38	10		10	20	18		1	10	55	20	86		6		6	1	14	150								10			1	1	20	3	80			1	32
8	322	234	155	14	10	24	5		239	244		220	5	7	14	5	31	1	7	19	27	1	17	107						2	14	11			4			5	90			2	18
9	588	397	290	22	26	48					48		3	15	24	2	44	9	12	65	86	1	14	110		20						31			6	1	25	2	80			1	20
10	206	113	63	6		6					6			1	3	2	6	1		1	2	1	3	22								5						1	22				
11	655	471	285	33	25	58	8		16	24	34		7	38	70	100	215		8	36	44	1	20	80		45						40			8			3	120	1	30	1	25
12	386	200	100	15	8	23			14	14	9			5	9		14	5		6	11	1	6	45								5				1	16	2	58	1	10	1	16
13	284	120	55	12	9	21	2		11	13	8			7	4	10	21	1	3	17	21	1	7	85								33						1	19			1	10
14	138	112	26	2		2	5			5		3		5	6		11	1	7		8	1	3	21								5						1	29			1	12
15									9	9		9							36		36																							
16	366	234	118	15	16	31	8		13	21	10		2	8	6	4	20	3	4	10	17	1	12	80		21						8	1		5	1	10	2	34			1	10
17	128	82	78	24	22	46					46		6	8	55	18	87	1		4	5	1	10	115		32						5						1	27			1	10
1943 Totals	5,664	3,796	2,110	248	142	390	63	4	320	387	242	239	44	147	306	202	699	41	110	167	318	16	166	1,253		191				2	14	228	2		39	6	141	36	1,004	2	40	14	219
1942 Totals	5,280	3,415	1,766	229	84	313	92	1	294	387	129	203	23	110	164	172	469	40	33	368	441	16	152	1,101		194				2	27	193	3		44	8	183	36	922	3	62	15	245
Increase	384	381	344	19	58	77		3	26		113	36	21	37	142	30	230	1	77				14	152								35							82				
Decrease							29													201	123					3					13		1		5	2	42			1	22	1	26
Southern Conference																																											
18	563	318	137	22		22	9			9	13			9	12		21	1			1	1	20	112		50						9		1				3	94	1	16	1	25
19	398	296	181	14	8	22	4			4	18			12	15	18	45	4	5		9	1	12	132						2	18	9			4	1	24	1	30	2	38	2	36
20	189	115	81	3	5	8	2			2	6			2	13		15		2		2	1	11	90	10							2		1	1	1	10	2	41			2	20
21	1,088	902	518	83	22	105	12		59	71	34		1	72	83		156	4	14	130	148	1	41	427	52	60	1	20	175	3	25	88		7	21	1	100	5	300	1	50	2	40
22	1,035	727	433	49	15	64	16		11	27	37		8	26	74	25	133	6	31	48	85	1	34	350		60				1	34	15	1		15	1	47	4	160	1	45	2	56
23	670	399	263	39	2	41			12	12	29		7	7	12	13	39	4	4	20	28	1	18	142	15	29				3	23	23			3	1	15	3	81			2	31
24	256	185	133	26	7	33	7		15	22	11		1	38	15		54		8	5	13	1	10	96								6			7	1	15	1	25	1	20	1	24
25	537	365	256	20	5	25	10		7	17	8		2	11	11	21	45	4	9	18	31	1	20	150		20						18			4			2	97			1	24
26	544	327	149	10	15	25	10		5	15	10		1	15	4	4	24		1	9	10	1	12	150	10	35				2	25	15				1	15	3	25			2	35
27	713	579	341	38	2	40	4		6	10	30		2	7	71		80	3	15		18	1	25	130		20							1		5	1	30	3	130	1	20	1	10
28	269	213	122				4			4		4	6	3	9		18	2	5		7	1	10	83		6						6						1	20				
29	55	41	41	9		9	3		75	78		69	2	1	1		4	1		84	85	1	3	21														1	12				
30	551	363	218	38	4	42					42		2	3	10	5	20	2			2	1	25	200		25				2	20	9				1	30	3	50	1	30	1	10
31	565	441	302	18	1	19	3	1		4	15		2	9	24	6	41	9	5		14	1	18	180		20	1	8	64	4	22	8	1		6	1	34	2	80			1	14
32	861	572	495	25	59	84	17		11	28	56		13	34	135	5	187	7	7	77	91	1	32	350	35	30	1	1	30			41			5	1	50	6	250	3	110	2	60
33	121	80	75	8	3	11	5			5	6			7	15		22	5		3	8	1	9	36		4						7			2	1	10	3	30			1	10
34	226	115	65	6		6					6		1	2			3	1	4		5	1	12	68											1			3	60				
35	405	270	122	9	3	12	8			8	4			13	15	2	30		2	6	8	1	17	90		29	3	7	32	3	25	12			5			3	80	1	18	1	20
36	644	418	220	45	18	63	8			8	55		9	16	56	13	94	3	6		9	1	18	110	24	55	1	9	64	5	28	16			4	1	12	2	70			2	40
37	97	72	38	1	4	5	3			3	2		2	3	7		12	1			1	1	5	29											1			1	17				
38	410	308	215	17		17	9		4	13	4		4	12	30	59	105	2	8		10	1	15	168								12			4	1	18	2	75			2	27
39	194	125	62	10	6	16			2	2	14		2	6	6	10	24	4		6	10	1	6	40								10						2	30				
1943 Totals	10,391	7,231	4,472	490	179	669	134	1	207	342	400	73	65	308	618	181	1,172	63	126	406	595	22	373	3,154	146	443	7	45	365	25	220	306	3	8	88	14	410	56	1,757	12	347	26	482
1942 Totals	9,487	6,654	4,091	385	127	512	137	10	352	499	269	256	78	253	423	224	978	61	188	462	711	22	368	2,924	97	377	4	39	287	23	199	287	4	7	118	13	400	57	1,683	8	197	27	519
Increase	904	577	381	105	52	157					131			55	195		194	2					5	230	49	66	3	6	78	2	21	19		1		1	10		74	4	150		
Decrease							3	9	145	157		183	13			43			62	56	116												1	30				1				1	37
GENERAL SUMMARY																																											
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S. Conf.	10,391	7,231	4,472	490	179	669	134	1	207	342	400	73	65	308	618	181	1,172	63	126	406	595	22	373	3,154	146	443	7	45	365	25	220	306	3	8	88	14	410	56	1,757	12	347	26	482
1943 Totals	16,055	11,027	6,582	738	321	1,059	197	5	527	729	642	312	109	455	924	383	1,871	104	236	573	913	38	539	4,407	146	634	7	45	365	27	234	534	5	8	127	20	551	92	2,761	14	387	40	701
1942 Totals	14,767	10,069	5,857	614	211	825	299	11	646	886	398	459	101	363	587	396	1,447	101	221	830	1,152	38	520	4,025	97	571	4	39	287	25	226	480	7	7	162	21	583	93	2,605	11	259	42	764
Increase	1,288	958	725	124	110	234					244		8	92	337		424	3	15				19	382	49	63	3	6	78	2	8	54		1					156	3	128		
Decrease							32	6	119	157		147				13				257	239												2		35	1	32	1					2	63

Proceedings of The

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of the

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

of the

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Held in

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1135 O'Farrell Street

San Francisco, California

The REV. J. GEORGE DORN, D.D., Pastor

MAY 1, 2, 3, 1944

CONVENTION HYMN

AWAKE MY SOUL

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,
And press with vigor on;
A heavenly race demands thy zeal,
And an immortal crown.
'Tis God's all-animating voice
That calls thee from on high;
'Tis His own hand presents the prize
To thine aspiring eye;
That prize with peerless glories bright,
Which shall new lustre boast
When victors' wreaths and monarchs' gems
Shall blend in common dust.
Blest Saviour, introduced by Thee,
Have I my race begun;
And crowned with victory, at Thy feet
I'll lay my honors down.

—Philip Doddridge, D. 1751

CONVENTION COLLECT

FOR THE TROUBLED WORLD

O God, at Whose Word chaos became an ordered creation: Brood over this troubled world, as once Thy Spirit brooded o'er the face of the deep, and create in the nations, by the grace of Thy son, that love for Thee and for each other, which will make this world a new creation in righteousness and peace and joy, in brotherhood and mutual service through the saving merit of the Same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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San Francisco, California, May 1-3, 1944

Theme: "PRESSING FORWARD"

May 1, 1944, 7:45 p.m.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at a combined service of the Synod of California and the Women's Missionary Society. The sermon was preached by Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., president of the Synod.

FIRST SESSION

May 2, 1944, 9:30 a.m.

The convention hymn, "Awake My Soul" was sung and the convention prayer "For the Troubled World" prayed in unison.

The President called the convention to order, after the use of the office for the opening of a Missionary convention.

Hymn, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling", was sung.

The devotions—"Pressing Forward—with Charity"—was conducted by Mrs. F. J. Bowman.

Mrs. J. George Dorn gave the address of welcome.

The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D., pastor loci, brought greetings from the congregation.

Mrs. Julius E. Lorimer, bore greetings from our missionary sisters of the Augustana Synod.

A letter of greetings from Mrs. O. A. Sardeson, President of the Women's Missionary Society of U.L.C.A., was read by the secretary.

Mrs. E. C. Bentz responded with an expression of gratitude for these greetings.

Mrs. Beulah Ader, accompanied by Rev. Orval Awerkamp, sang a solo—"Dear Lord, Kind Lord".

The convention program was presented by Mrs. Robert D. Kerstetter.

A motion prevailed that the program as presented become the order of procedure for the convention.

Mrs. W. J. Bieber, wife of the home missionary, was introduced. Wives of new pastors were introduced.

The roll of credentials was read with six officers, two conference presidents, ten department secretaries, thirty-seven delegates responding.

The president announced the convention committees:

President's Report—Mrs. P. J. Kramer, Mrs. Francis Pryor, Mrs. Orval Awerkamp, Mrs. Harry Hahn.

Resolutions—Mrs. Caroline Young, Mrs. G. W. Wilson, Mrs. A. J. Spindt, Mrs. L. W. Varblow.

Nominations—Mrs. E. C. Bentz, Mrs. W. Capel, Mrs. Francis Pryor, Miss Matilde Fritz.

Claims—Mrs. Robert D. Kerstetter, Mrs. C. C. Bohnhoff, Mrs. Carlton York Smith.

The Vice-President was called to the chair while the President's report was read. The report was referred to the committee on president's report.

The reports of the treasurer and auditor were read. A motion pevailed that these reports be accepted and placed on file.

The secretary read the report of the statistician. A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

The report of the archivist was read by the secretary. A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

Miss Ruth Juram, Promotional Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the U.L.C.A., was introduced by Mrs. Albert Schwertz, and addressed the convention on "Pressing Forward".

The offering, $18.37, was received and consecrated by Rev. Paul Romeis, who closed the session with prayer and the benediction.

SECOND SESSION

May 2, 1944, 1:30 p.m.

The session opened with the convention hymn and prayer.

Mrs. M. A. Linebaugh conducted the devotions, "Pressing Forward—with Humility".

Hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be", was sung.

The president announced a change in the program to allow the Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D., Promotional Secretary of the U.L.C.A., to address the convention at this time.

The roll was called with 5 officers, 8 secretaries, 2 conference presidents, 34 delegates responding.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

"Echoes from Roanoke" was given by Mrs. Clarence Crouser.

After a five minute recess, Mrs. Albert Schwertz presented a unified program for women. A general discussion followed.

A solo, "Thy Perfect Love", was sung by Miss Muriel Person.

The offering, $13.91, was received.

The Rev. Arthur W. Alm consecrated the offering and closed the session with prayer.

THIRD SESSION

May 2, 1944, 7:45 p.m.

The hymn, "Love Divine—All Love Excelling", was sung and the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., conducted the Vesper Service.

The choir sang an anthem.

Mrs. Orval Awerkamp read the Scripture lesson and led the assembly in prayer.

The hymn, "O Zion Haste", was sung.

The President introduced Miss Ruth Juram, who gave an address on "Our Wider Horizon".

The choir sang another anthem.

The offering, $55.24, was received.

The hymn, "Saviour Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise", was sung.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.

A reception was held in the social rooms of the church, with the women of St. Mark's as hostesses.

FOURTH SESSION

May 3, 1944, 9:30 p.m.

The session opened with the convention hymn and prayer.

The devotions, "Pressing Forward—With Sincerity", was conducted by Mrs. Elwood Schwenk.

The hymn, "Beautiful Saviour" was sung.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved.

The roll was called with 6 officers, 2 conference presidents, 9 department secretaries, 36 delegates responding.

Mrs. Bertha Jorgenson, accompanied by Mrs. Dalzell, sang a solo, "Life".

The Rev. M. J. Beiber, D.D., home mission pastor of the new mission in Altadena, gave an address on "Our Mission Fields".

The Rev. Herbert Weaver, D.D., expressed his appreciation of the "In Memoriam" for Mrs. Weaver which was contributed by Southern Conference.

Mrs. P. J. Kramer presented the departmental work in the form of a radio broadcast.

In the absence of Mrs. Edward Spirer, Mrs. Clara Crouser presented the Roll Call of Honor and Superior Merit Societies. Ten Superior Merit and twenty-three Honor awards were given.

Reports of Summer Schools of Missions were presented by Mrs. W. E. Crouser and Mrs. Arthur Knudten.

The offering, $15.32, was received and consecrated by the Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter, Ph.D.

The session was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SESSION

May 3, 1944, 1:30 p.m.

The session opened with the convention hymn and prayer.

The devotions, "Pressing Forward—With Fidelity", was conducted by Mrs. Wm. Capel.

A motion prevailed that the roll call and reading of the minutes be postponed until the closs of the session.

A period of general discussion was conducted by Miss Ruth Juram.

The Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., President of Synod, was introduced and spoke in appreciation of women's work in the Synod of California.

The Rev. J. Edward Oslund addressed the session on Lutheran World Action, especially as it pertained to the Lutheran Service Center in San Francisco.

"God Bless Our Boys" was sung.

The offering was received and consecrated by Rev. Oslund.

Miss Vicken, who does Christian work in defense areas, was introduced and spoke of her work.

The report of the committee on president's report was read and the recommendations were considered seriatim.

Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, were adopted.

A motion prevailed that the report be adopted as read.

The report of the committee on Resolutions was received.

A motion prevailed that the report should be adopted.

The report of the committee on Claims was read.

A motion prevailed that all claims be allowed.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented as follows:

President.....Mrs. James P. Beasom, Jr.
Vice-President.....Mrs. Clarence F. Crouser
Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Charles S. Izenour
Treasurer.....Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl
Statistician.....Mrs. Kenneth Sketch
Historian.....Mrs. Orval A. Awerkamp
Archivist.....Mrs. J. E. Hoick

A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

A call was made for nominations from the floor.

A motion prevailed that the nominations be closed and the chairman of the nominating committee cast the unanimous ballot for the officers as nominated.

The president called for new business.

A motion prevailed that the Synodical Society sponsor a page in each issue of the Golden State Lutheran.

The triennial objective was discussed and Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz was appointed chairman of this fund.

The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz installed the officers.

An impressive Life Membership Candlelight Service was conducted by Mrs. Harry Hahn.

The Missionary Benediction was prayed.

The president declared the convention adjourned.

MRS. CHARLES S. IZENOUR, Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Once more, we meet in a time of war, a war which has involved all of our congregations, societies and homes. It has involved these not only in this land but in almost every land of the world, for this is a global war, a world war. In spite of this conflict, the Lord has shown us His divine presence and has showered us with blessings. In the midst of tears, there is joy, a joy which has been the result of a closer relationship with our God. It seems as though He was using human adversity to bring His kingdom nearer to the hearts of men.

As we meet, then, in this fifty-second annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of California, we have a triple

task: First, we must return thanks to almighty God for His goodness towards us. Second, we must remember the boys and girls, men and women who serve in the armed forces of our Country; we must remember them in our prayers. We must take to the throne of grace our missionaries and pastors and chaplains who are serving under war conditions. We must seek divine blessings upon all who are suffering, sorrowing and dying both in the armies of our nation and the armies of our God. Third, we must "press forward" in the work which the Lord has called upon us to do, for this is our day and our time of our great opportunity. We dare not neglect the Father's business.

Looking over the work of our society for the past year, we note our failures and our successes, the things which we failed to do and the things which were done. We beg divine forgiveness both for our sins of commission and those of omission. We thank Him for His help in making possible our accomplishments. For these, to Him belongs all the praise, honor and glory.

Humbly, we record our part in this blessed ministry. Increases have been noted in every department. Our Thank Offering has increased $873.15 to a total of $2,668.15. Likewise, has the membership increased in the classification of "Life Memberships". Here we record a gain of over $400.00. Our Lenten offerings increased $409.87. In the same manner, we might list each department.

The statistical report will show that over 60% of our societies have had an increase of 10% or more in membership, bringing our present membership total to 1132.

In response to the recommendation of our last convention on scholarships. Two of these to So. America have been attained.

As to the personal activities of your president, many letters have been written; semi-annually they have gone to all the local societies. The correspondence has been kept up to date. Two executive board meetings were held: one north and one south. Due to the distances, a great deal of our work has been carried on by correspondence. Your president has talked to five societies and has visited many of the congregations of Synod, including two mission fields. (We are looking forward to the organization of Missionary societies in all of these fields.) I have spoken at two congress rallies and have written four articles for the Golden State Lutheran. I made a report of the Triennial convention at Roanoke to the So. Conference of our Synodical society. At this former convention, it was my privilege to make many contacts with members of our great work throughout the whole church, with the members of the executive board and staff secretaries of our society as well as the national church. It was a glorious experience and a real inspiration. For all of which I am deeply grateful to you and the church for making this possible. Besides these, there were many interviews and other activities too numerous to mention.

Personally and for the church-at-large, I would like to thank each member of the executive board and department secretaries. The work could not go on without this loyal cooperation and sacrificial service. Moreover, I want to express my appreciation for the numerous letters and statements of encouragement which you have given to me.

Three new societies were welcomed into our Synodical society during the year: Emma Louise Alm Missionary Society of San Bernardino, The Business and Professional Women's Society of First Church, Los Angeles, and the Business and Professional Women's Society of Glendale. We are happy to have these women unite with us in our world-wide program. May the Lord guide and bless them.

For your consideration, I place before you the following recommendations THAT,

1. In accordance with the national objective for the Triennium 1943-46, we contribute funds for the training and sending forth of at least 12 young women into the mission fields (List of recommendations found in Women's Work, Nov. 1943).

2. We carry out this objective by making plans, so that every society of our Synodical will contribute funds for this cause during the coming year in an amount that will equal from one to five dollars per member for the triennium.

3. We contribute to Lutheran World Action to the amount of $75.00 and encourage all local societies to make contributions, likewise, to this cause.

4. We contribute all offerings of this convention to the Triennium objective.

5. We send a gift from the deaconess fund to the amount of $15.00 to Sister

Irmgard Shugard, our California deaconess.

6. We contribute $10.00 to the General Women's Missionary Society fund for Miss Ruth Juram, promotional secretary of our national society and our guest at this convention.

7. We continue our support to Rocky Boy Mission as a part of our Synodical Special.

8. We continue to support the missions of our Synod as a part of our Synodical Special, and that we pay for the chairs (100 each) for our Altadena and North Long Beach missions.

9. We assist the officers of Synod and the Home Mission committee of Synod in locating new mission fields into which our Synod should enter to establish mission congregations.

10. We seek to enlist all of the women of our congregation into active membership in our society, that we do this by encouraging the organization of younger women's groups in our church and for business and professional women. (There are many women employed in our congregation who should belong to our missionary society.), and in congregations where there are no missionary societies at the present.

11. We continue to pray daily for our missionaries, our men and women in the armed services, and for a peace with justice and righteousness.

12. In following out the theme of this convention, "Press Forward", we determine to draw closer to our Lord and God in unselfish service in the kingdom.

May you continue to experience the blessing of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted, HELGA O. BEASOM

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The 34th annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference was held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, October 19, 1943.

The convention theme, "Go Ye, Make Disciples of All Nations", was well chosen and beautifully presented in the devotional service by Miss Rose Flathman.

In the morning the usual inspiring Communion Service was held with the men of the Northern Conference Convention.

The work of the departments was ably presented by Mrs. P. J. Kramer. She earnestly urged us to follow our Lord's command and "Be about our Father's business".

Mrs. C. F. Crouser brought us a most enlightening report on the National Convention held at Roanoke, Va., in October.

We were privileged to hear in joint session, the Rev. S. O. Thorlakson's report on the Gettysburg Convention. Dr. Earl S. Rudisill of the Parish School Board and Dr. Clarence S. Krumholz of the National Lutheran Council.

Respectfully submitted,
MYRTLE A. (Mrs. L. W.) VARBLOW,
President of Northern Conference

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The 37th annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Southern Conference of the Synod of California was held in Hollywood Lutheran Church, October 29, 1943. The theme for devotions was "The Great Storehouse of Blessings not Rationed".

Recommendations to memorialize Mrs. Herbert J. Weaver and to give $25 to the Hollywood Lutheran Service Center were adopted.

The officers for 1943-44 are:

President.....Mrs. Charles S. Izenour
First Vice-President.....Mrs. Wm. Keighley
Second Vice-President.....Mrs. Grace Esther Chelson
Recording Secretary.....Mrs. Carlton York Smith
Treasurer.....Mrs. Francis Woodworth
Historian.....Mrs. J. E. Hoick

The next convention will be held in Bethany Church, Los Angeles.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in January action was taken to contribute $25 to the Mission in Altadena and $25 for South American Scholarships.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. CHARLES S. IZENOUR, President

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

March 15, 1943 to March 15, 1944

BALANCES ON HAND, MARCH 15, 1943		
Congress travel fund	$ 83.00	
Deaconess fund	120.50	
Synodical Special	101.49	
Synodical Fee	367.89	
	$ 672.88	$ 672.88
RECEIPTS		
Annuity Bonds	$ 400.00	
Associate members	32.00	
Bible Women and Scholarships	679.00	
Box Work	155.40	
Christmas Offerings	209.79	
Congress travel fund	57.00	
Deaconess fund	27.55	
General fund	1,200.10	
India Lace Offering	264.83	
Lenten Offering	471.72	
Life-Memberships and In-Memoriums	1,300.00	
Thank-offerings	2,668.15	
Tri-ennial Convention fee	91.40	
Visitation Department	2.00	
Miscellaneous gifts	63.75	
Synodical Special	898.78	
Synodical Fee	357.34	
	$8,878.81	$8,878.81
		$9,551.69
DISBURSEMENTS		
Miss A. Barbara Wiegand, National Treasurer	$7,877.09	
Gift to Sister Irmgard	20.00	
Lutheran World Action	77.00	
Hollywood Service Center	50.00	
Custodian, Convention Church	2.50	
Convention programs	10.50	
Cabinet for Archivist	6.00	
President's and Statistician's expenses	34.30	
Secretary's expenses	4.50	
Treasurer's expenses	25.49	
Department Secretaries' expenses	8.19	
Treasurer's Bond	5.00	
Lutheran Women's Work (For file)	2.00	
Interdenominational School of Missions	5.00	
Life-Membership and In-Memorium forms	10.04	
Stationery	17.94	
Printing Minutes of Synod	80.00	
Chairs for St. Andrew's Mission, San Mateo	286.31	
Piano for St. Andrew's Mission, San Mateo	138.38	
Gift to St. Andrew's Mission, San Mateo	5.00	
Gift to Altadena Mission	25.00	
	$8,690.24	$8,690.24
BALANCES MARCH 15, 1944		
Congress travel fund	$ 140.00	
Deaconess fund	128.05	
Synodical Special	175.58	
Synodical Fee	417.82	
	$ 861.45	$ 861.45
		$9,551.69
U. S. Government bonds owned (at cost price)		$ 296.00

Respectfully submitted,
MABEL B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

	Societies	Active Members	Associate Members
Northern Conference	19	316	2
Southern Conference	33	819	18
	52	1135	20
		Societies	Active Members
Northern Conference Gains		—2	7
Southern Conference Gains		1	125
		—1	132

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. KENNETH R. SKETCH,
Statistical Secretary

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

I am placing this year in the Archives the Lutheran Woman's Work for 1943, a copy of the Minutes of our Synod and Synodical Convention and a Program of the same. There should also be a copy of the Minutes of the Roanoke Convention.

All who are subscribers to Lutheran Woman's Work are acquainted with the fact that space was given for the picture and description of our California Synodical Archives in the February issue of this year. Miss Gruber, Business Manager of the Magazine, wrote regarding the article and the photo: "I know it will arouse much interest and perhaps give some people ideas which will be helpful."

Respectfully submitted,
GRACE HOICK

DIVISIONS OF OUR WORK
EDUCATION

At the Convention in Glendale book sold to the amount of $10.30 and 500 pieces of free literature distributed.

Mrs. Spirer reports the sale of $10.00 for books at the Southern Conference.

At the Northern Conference 200 pieces of free literature distributed. No books sold.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. WM. IRONSIDE

MAGAZINE

The number of subscriptions in the general Society as reported by Mary L. Gruber, Business Manager, is 44,000. The California Synodical has 894 subscriptions, a gain of 61 during the year. 29 societies report having Lutheran Women's Work in the home of each active member.

CAROLINE E. YOUNG

MISSIONARY EDUCATION REPORT

Thirty societies reported study groups. Twenty-two groups studied the Home Theme and twenty groups studied the Foreign Theme. Four hundred and four persons were enrolled in these groups, and one hundred and thirty persons completed the Reading Course for the year.

MRS. RAY INSLEE, Department Sec'y

ANNUITY

One $100.00 bond and one $300.00 bond for the year, a total of $1,300.00 for the past four years.

MRS. MARGARET LINEBAUGH, Sec'y

BOX WORK

Twenty-one boxes, valued at $490, (2 of these were not valued) plus 46 boxes sent to Service Men, also not valued.

Cash for Box Work $165.40, of which $10 was sent directly, instead of through the Synodical Treasurer.

MRS. FRANCIS C. PRYOR

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND "IN MEMORIAM" DEPARTMENT
1943-1944

Life Memberships received during Synodical year	83
Honorary Life Memberships received during Synodical year	12
Total Life Memberships received	95
Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	922
Honorary Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	163
Total Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	1085
Persons Memoralized during the Synodical year	20
Total "In Memoriam" on Synodical Roll	140
100% Life Membership Society reported	1
Total 100% Life Membership Societies	7

The total income from this Department for the year 1943-44 was $1,300.00.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. HARRY W. HAHN

PATRON AND PROTEGE

The Patron and Protege department reports support of five Bible women and eleven scholarships, a total of 685.00.

MRS. PHIL WISEMAN, Sec'y

THANK OFFERING

The Missionary Women of the California Synod have shown their gratitude to God by a very good increase in the Thank Offering this year over that of last year. The increase amounting to $873.15 making our Thank Offering for this year $2,668.15. May we continue in prayer that soon peace will come again.

MRS. J. HJORT

PROMOTION DEACONESS

The literature received from headquarters has been forwarded to the Conference Presidents.

E. M. FRITZ

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Twelve societies reported having made calls to interest new members. 1036 homes were visited. 125 copies of the "Quarterly Visitor" were distributed.

I wish to congratulate the John K. Reed Society in Phoenix, Arizona, for having made 356 calls; the St. Paul's Guild at our new church in Vallejo for having made 200 calls; and the Queen Esther Society at First Lutheran in Oakland for having made 150 calls.

It is undoubtedly due to the conscientious efforts of our members that we are able to report such a substantial gain in our membership for California Synod.

MRS. E. L. KONOW

PROMOTION

Three interesting meetings of the presidents of our young women's Missionary societies have been held this year. One to plan for the fall convention and two this spring to plan for our guest Miss Ruth Juram and our rally which is slated for May 19th and to be held at the First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles. Elaborate plans have been made and we are anticipating a fine rally for our young women.

At the fall convention, held at the Hollywood Lutheran Church, a fund was started for the triennium objective, to assist some young women who would enter full time service of the church. This offering amounted to $20.42.

Much of our work has been through the mails and over the telephone. We are happy to say that new societies have been organized and we are anticipating more.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. H. SHOREEN

REPORT OF STUDENT SECRETARY

Your secretary reports sending thirty-seven (37) blanks and letters to Pastors of these congregations.

Twenty-two (22) replies were received.

Due to world conditions there are not many students to report. Forty-one (41) men and sixteen (16) women, at various institutions of learning. Of these, six (6) men are preparing for the ministry and ten (10) women for Christian service.

The names and addresses were sent to Dr. Mary Markley, and the Pastors notified at the various institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

MEREDITH R. DYSINGER

INDIA LACE

The receipts for India Lace for 1943 and 1944 were $264.83. All Missionary Societies have been informed about the India Lace Day in May and where program material may be obtained.

HILDA HANSEN

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH REPORT

With the alarming amount of child delinquency in our nation today, we as Christian women have a greater responsibility than ever to help promote the Children of the Church program.

It is gratifying to report three new organizations—San Bernardino, Beverly Hills, and Glendale.

One of the projects for the year is the study of South America.

Respectfully yours,

MOLLY J. SWANSON

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH
Year Ending March, 1944

Alhambra, Grace	$ 2.00
Berkeley, St. Michael's	1.50
Glendale, First	3.00
Hollywood	27.06
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	17.00
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	26.00
Phoenix, Grace	11.47
San Bernardino, First	5.23
San Diego, First	72.79
The English Lutheran, Dr. Dysinger	6.75
Total	$172.80

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDWARD N. SPIRER, Treas.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for His ever present help and sustaining power which has kept our President throughout the past year. We sincerely commend her for her untiring faithfulness and consecrated devotion to her duties as President of our Synodical. Your committee has carefully considered her report and recommend the adoption of all the recommendations contained in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. P. J. KRAMER
MRS. O. A. AWERKAMP
MRS. H. W. HAHN
MRS. F. C. PRYOR

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

With grateful thanksgiving to Almighty God for His continued blessings upon us during these days of Convention, we submit the following resolutions:

1. We extend our sincere thanks to Dr. and Mrs. J. George Dorn and the members of St. Mark's Church for their gracious hospitality shown to delegates and visitors at their 52nd annual convention of the Synodical Missionary Society of the Synod of California.

2. To the leaders of the devotionals on the theme "Pressing Forward—With Charity, Humility, Sincerity and Fidelity", Mrs. F. J. Bowman, Mrs. M. A. Linebaugh, Mrs. Elwood Schwenk, Mrs. Wm. Capel and Mrs. Orval Awerkamp.

3. To our soloists Mrs. Beulah Ader, Miss Muriel Person and Mrs. Bertha Jorgensen and their accompanists, also to our Convention pianist, Mrs. Leni Lampe Raith.

4. To the Rev. F. Eppling Reinart, D.D., Dr. Milton J. Bieber, and Rev. J. Edward Oslund for their inspirational addresses, and to Miss Ruth Juram, our General Promotional Secretary, for her informative talks on the work of our society.

5. To Mrs. P. J. Kramer for her original and dramatic presentation of the work of the Department Secretaries.

6. Lastly, to our President, Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Executive Committee and Program Committee, for their faithful service during the year and for the preparation of the Convention program.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE ENDERS YOUNG
MRS. GEO. W. WILSON
MYRTLE A. VARBLOW
MRS. A. J. SPINDT

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For:

President ..... Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Jr.

Vice-President ..... Mrs. C. F. Crouser

Secretary ..... Mrs. C. S. Izenour

Treasurer ..... Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl

Statistician ..... Mrs. Kenneth Sketch

Historian ..... Mrs. Orval A. Awerkamp

Archivist ..... Mrs. J. E. Hoick

Adviser ..... Mrs. P. J. Kramer

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. C. BENTZ
MISS E. MATHILDE FRITZ
MRS. WM. CAPEL
MRS. FRANCIS C. PRYOR

LIST OF SUPERIOR AND HONOR SOCIETIES

CITY	CHURCH	NAME OF SOCIETY	
SUPERIOR:			
Oakland	First	Queen Esther	22
San Jose	Grace		20
Beverly Hills		Women of the Church	23
Glendale	First	Women's C. of C. Missions	22
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	Gospel of Light	20
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	Go-Ye	20
Phoenix		John K. Reed	24
San Bernardino	First	Minnie L. Sandridge	22
San Diego	First	Women of the Church	22
San Diego	First	Katherine Von Bora	20
HONOR:			
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Louisa Miller	17
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Dorcas	17
Fresno	First	First	15
Fresno	First	Chi Rho Circle	15
Oakland	First	Louisa Miller	16
Oakland	St. John's		16
Richmond	Grace	Mary-Martha	19
Sacramento	First	Bethany	15
Sacramento	St. John's	Dorcas	15
San Jose	Bethel	Lydia Woerner	15
Vallejo		St. Paul's Guild	18
Gardena	St. John's		15
Hollywood	Hollywood	Women of the Church	18
Hollywood	Hollywood	Florence M. Welty	18
Long Beach	Trinity		18
Los Angeles	Bethany	Second	18
Los Angeles	First	Women of the Church	19
North Hollywood	St. Matthew	Mena Spirer	20
North Hollywood	St. Matthew	Faith	19
Pasadena	Trinity		16
Santa Barbara	Grace		17
Santa Monica	St. Paul's	St. Paul's Guild	19
Redlands	First		20

REQUIREMENTS FOR HONOR ROLL—14 POINTS

FOR SUPERIOR MERIT SOCIETY—18 POINTS

1. An increase in membership.
2. An average attendance at meetings of at least 50% of the membership.
3. Use of the monthly program published in Lutheran Women's Work.
4. A subscription to the Lutheran Women's Work in the home of every member.
5. Promotion of the Children of the Church in your congregation.
6. A Mission Study Class, or reading circle, in the congregation.
7. Financial obligations fully met, sent in quarterly, before the 15th of June, September, and March, to Synodical treasurer.
   (a) General Fund.....10c per member per month.
   (b) Synodical Fee.....25c per member per year
   (c) Triennial Convention Expense.....10c per member per year.
8. Synodical Special—Rocky Boy and California Missions—$1.00 per member per year.
9. Lenten Offering, Christmas Offering, India Lace Offering (free will).
10. Contribution of $1.00 each for Deaconess and Congress Travel funds per society per year.
11. Increase in amount of Thank Offering.
12. One public Thank Offering meeting.
13. Box Work—cash or supplies.
14. Support of Patron and Protege work (partial payment on scholarships acceptable.)
15. One new Life Member or In-Memoriam.
16. Observance of the Week of Prayer and self-denial, or Day of prayer.
17. Representation at Conference and Synodical convention.
18. Observance of India Lace Day, cooperating with Sunday School children.
19. Prompt reports and answers to all communications from officers.
    Send name of new president to Synodical Secretary as soon as possible.
20. Triennial Objective—partial contribution to be made this year.

14 Points are required to become a Society on the Honor Roll. Of these 14 points, one must be No. 7 with a, b, and c obligations fully met.

18 Points are required to become a Superior Merit Society. Of these 18 points, four must be met, namely: No. 1, No. 7, No. 11 and No. 14.

APPENDIX A—FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCEITY, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA, FOR 1943-1944

NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	Annuity Bonds	Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	Box Work	Christmas Offering	Congress Travel Fund	Deaconess Fund	General Fund	India Lace	Lenten Offering	Life Memberships, In-Memoriams	Thank Offering	Triennial Conven. Expense Fund	Visitation	Misc. Gifts	Synodical Special	Synodical Fee	TOTALS
Alhambra, Grace (Grace)	$	$	$	$ 5.40	$	$ 1.00	$	$ 25.80	$ 10.50	$	$ 25.00	$ 42.30	$ 1.90	$	$	$ 39.10	$ 6.00	$ 157.00
Alhambra, Grace (Dr. Anna S. Kugler)		2.00			2.77	1.00		17.10	1.70		20.00	27.91			2.00	19.00	4.75	98.23
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Louisa Miller)		1.00	5.00	5.00	2.20	1.00	1.00	25.20	3.40	3.00	10.00	44.73	2.10			21.00	5.25	129.88
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Fidelis)						1.00		4.90	3.41								1.50	10.81
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Dorcas)		1.00			2.50	1.00		15.00	3.50		10.00	27.84	1.30			11.00	3.00	76.14
Beverly Hills (Women of the Church)		2.00	5.00		7.00	1.00	2.00	22.20	12.00	18.60	25.00	39.00	2.00			18.00	4.50	158.30
Beverly Hills (EKF)					1.00	1.00		16.50	1.00	1.00	10.00		1.30			13.00	3.25	48.05
Fresno, First (Women of the Church)					6.70	3.00	1.00	39.00		16.00	10.00	77.25	3.60			31.00	7.75	195.30
Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)						1.00		15.30		2.00	10.00	40.00				18.00	4.25	90.55
Gardena, St. John's						1.00		24.00		14.40		23.00	2.00			19.00	4.00	87.40
Glendale, First (Wom. Council Chris. Mis.)		3.00	105.00	30.00	20.00	1.00	5.00	103.20	35.00	52.84	165.00	321.00	8.60		20.75	86.00	21.50	977.89
Glendale, First (Phi Rho Theta)			10.00					18.60			20.00	5.00				15.00		68.60
Hollywood (Women of the Church			30.00	10.00	5.00	1.00		38.40	3.00			96.35	3.20		10.00	32.00	8.00	236.95
Hollywood (Florence M. Welty)				25.00	4.50	1.00		25.20			10.00	56.00	2.10			21.00	5.25	150.05
Huntington Park (Gospel Light)					6.70	1.00		30.00	5.00	4.25	55.00	94.92	2.50	1.00		19.00	6.50	225.87
Huntington Park (Go Ye)		2.00				1.00		11.90	5.00	4.25		25.71	1.20			9.00	2.25	62.31
Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)								9.00		15.00	10.00	17.15	1.00				2.50	54.65
Long Beach, Trinity					13.00	4.00	1.00	40.00			45.00	66.00				11.00	8.00	188.00
Los Angeles, Bethany (First)			40.00		2.00	1.00		15.30	2.00	2.00	30.00	26.65	2.30			10.00	2.50	133.75
Los Angeles, Bethany (Cosmos)						1.00		14.40	2.36	2.29	10.00	8.30	1.20			12.00	3.00	54.55
Los Angeles, First (Women of Church)			50.00	10.00		1.00	2.00	61.50	15.00	42.58	130.00	228.05	5.50			50.00	12.50	608.13
Los Angeles, First (DRH)								3.60			10.00		1.20			8.00	3.00	25.80
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (First)	100.00				10.85	1.00	2.00	24.00	3.00			82.15	2.00			21.00	5.00	251.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Hearts)						2.00		12.90				15.00	1.10			5.00	2.50	38.50
No. Hollywood (Mena Spirer)		3.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	16.50	4.00	2.00	35.00	100.00	1.40		6.00	13.00	3.25	203.15
No. Hollywood (Faith)		7.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	21.60	5.60	5.00	50.00	65.40	2.00			18.00	4.50	200.10
Oakland, First (Queen Esther)				10.00	3.75	1.00		36.30	16.00	11.00	60.00	73.70	3.10			31.00	7.75	253.60
Oakland, First (Louisa A. Miller)			25.00		2.00	1.00		12.00	6.00	4.60	60.00	19.00	1.00				2.50	133.10
Oakland, St. John's					4.00	1.00		10.20	4.00	8.25	35.00	35.12	1.00			6.00	1.50	106.07
Pasadena, Trinity		5.00			6.35	1.00		40.50	11.37	18.80	90.00	149.35	3.50			38.68	6.00	370.55
Phoenix, Grace (John K. Reed)			60.00	15.00	13.40	1.00	1.00	36.00	20.00	30.85	30.00	143.94	3.00	1.00		30.00	7.50	392.69
Redlands, First	300.00	4.00		10.00	6.05	1.00	1.55	24.00	13.40	10.00	10.00	43.70	2.00			20.00	5.00	450.70
Richmond, Grace (Mary-Martha)			40.00		10.00	1.00		23.00	16.15	27.00	30.00	52.20				17.00	4.25	220.60
Richmond (In His Service)						1.00		10.20	5.00	3.50		6.20				15.00	3.75	44.65
Riverside, Trinity (Mission Guild)					3.90			27.90	5.00	6.00	20.00	47.38	2.40			12.00		124.58
Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)						1.00		9.90			10.00	16.10				4.00	3.00	44.00
Sacramento, First (Bethany)					2.00	1.00		18.90			10.00	27.05	1.80			15.00	4.50	80.25
Sacramento, St. John's (First)			25.00			2.00		10.00	5.50		10.00	19.82				11.00	2.50	85.82
Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)			25.00		5.41	1.00		24.00	1.15	10.35	10.00	19.89	2.00				5.00	103.80
San Bernardino (Minnie Sandidge)					2.00	1.00		24.70	1.00	11.37	20.00	8.06	2.30			14.00	3.50	87.93
San Diego, First (Women of the Church)			100.00		34.00	1.00		49.50	9.34	59.18	65.00	115.81	3.50			35.00	8.75	481.08
San Diego, First (Catherine von Bora)			6.00		3.71	1.00		22.00	4.59	40.51	45.00	25.55	2.00			16.00	4.00	170.36
Sanger, St. Paul's								6.00										6.00
San Jose (Lydia S. Woerner)				2.00		1.00	1.00	18.60	1.00	15.00	20.00	10.00	1.70			15.00	3.75	89.05
San Jose, Grace			3.00		5.00	1.00	2.00	20.40	3.75	2.75	30.00	60.00	1.70			17.00	4.25	150.85
San Francisco, First					2.00	1.00		8.40	1.00	2.00		40.00	70			5.00	1.75	61.85
San Francisco, St. Mark's (Miss. Study)			50.00	10.00		2.00	1.00	8.60	12.61			17.82	80			9.00	2.25	114.08
San Francisco, St. Matthew's						1.00		24.00				20.00	2.00			20.00		67.00
San Francisco, Temple			5.00		1.00	1.00	1.00	17.00	1.50	1.00	10.00	3.50	1.00			1.00	50	43.50
Santa Barbara, Grace					2.00	1.00		18.70		7.85		26.25	1.60			6.00	3.75	67.15
Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Wom. Guild)		2.00	45.00		4.00	1.00	1.00	28.80	11.00	7.50	20.00	115.25	3.60			20.00	5.00	264.15
Vallejo, St. Paul's (Lutheran Guild)			5.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	19.40		9.00	10.00	42.75	1.20			12.00	3.00	120.35
Convention Offerings																	129.09	129.09
Northern Conference			10.00													10.00		20.00
Southern Conference			25.00								15.00				25.00			65.00
TOTALS	$400.00	$ 32.00	$679.00	$155.40	$209.79	$ 57.00	$ 27.55	$1,200.10	$264.83	$171.72	$1,300.00	$2,668.15	$ 91.40	$ 2.00	$ 63.75	$898.78	$352.34	$8,878.81

APPENDIX B—STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA, FOR 1943-1944

NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	MEMBERSHIP								Personnel of Society			EDUCATION DIVISION									Promotion Division			DIVISION OF SPECIAL GIFTS							
	No. Societies Organized Before June 30 last yr.	No. Societies Organized Since June 30 last yr.	Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—Under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	How Many Members Are Students?	How Many Members Are Homemakers?	How Many Business or Professional Women?	No. Study Groups—N. Amer. Missions	No. Study Groups—World Missions	No. Persons In Groups	No. Persons Completing Reading Course	Societies Observing Week of Prayer	No. Meetings Held	Use of Education Division Programs	Magazine Subscriptions	Use of Education Division Programs	No. Different Homes Visited	No. New Active Members Since June 30 last year	Societies Presenting Deaconess Cause	Number of Nationals, etc.	Number of Scholarships	Number of Other Proteges, etc.	No. Public Thank-Offering Services	No. Boxes to Home Missions	No. Boxes to Foreign Missions	No. Life Mem. Since June 30 Last Year	No. In-Memo. Since June 30 Last Year	Amount of Bonds Since June 30 last yr.
NORTHERN CONFERENCE																															
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Louisa M. Miller)	1			21	21		1	1		17	4					1	1	1	21	1			1		*		1			1		
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Dorcas)	1			8	8		3	3		8		1		5	5	1	5	1	8	1			1				1			1		
Fresno, 1st Lutheran (First)	1			36	36					36						1	1	1	36	1		8					1			1		
Fresno, 1st Lutheran (Chi Rho Circle)	1		9	9	18		2	2	1	6	11					1	1	1	22	1		1					1			1		
Oakland, 1st Lutheran (Queen Esther)	1			28	28					24	4		2	31	15	1	1	1	22		150		1		1		1	1	1	6		
Oakland, 1st Lutheran (Louisa M. Miller)	1		5	5	10					5	5					1	2	1	10	1			1				1	1		6		
Oakland, St. John's	1			8	8					8			1		6	1	12	1	7	1		2								1	1	
Richmond, Grace (Mary Martha)	1			20	20					20			1			1	5	1	20	1			1	1			1			3		
Richmond, Grace (In His Service)	1		8	1	9					9			1	10													1	1				
Sacramento, 1st English Lutheran (Bethany)	1			17	17					17									12	1			1				1	1		1		
Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)	1		12	15	27					15	12					1	1		2			15			1			1		1		
San Francisco, 1st English Lutheran	1			7	7					6	1								7													
San Francisco, St. Mark's	1		3	5	8					4	4								10	1			1	1			1	1				
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	1			15	15					15			1	12	12	1	1						1				1		1			
San Francisco, Temple	1			1	1					1																				1		
Sanger, St. Paul's	1			29	29					29						1	9	1			3	19	1				1					
San Jose, Formerly Bethel (Lydia Woerner)	1		1	16	17					17						1	1	1	10	1		2	1				1	1		2		
San Jose, Grace	1			17	17					15	2		1	12		1	12	1	13	1			1				1	3		3		
Vallejo, St. Paul's (Guild)	1		7	13	20					20		3	3	7	3	1	1	1	17	1	200	18	1		1		1	1	1	1		
Totals Northern Conference	19		45	271	316		6	6	1	272	43	4	10	77	41	14	53	12	217	12	353	65	12	2	3		15	11	3	29	1	
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE																															
Alhambra, Grace (Grace Missionary)	1			16	16		3	3		16		1		16				1	13	1								2	1	1		
Beverly Hills (Women of the Church)	1		3	17	20		2	2		20		1	1	10	2	1	1	1	18	1			1		1		1	1		1		
Beverly Hills (Elsa King Frey)	1		14		14		2	2	14							1	1	1	14	1		1	1				1			1		
Gardena, St. John's	1			18	18					18						1	5	1	20								1					
Glendale, 1st Luth. (Wom. Council Chris. Mis.)	1		4	97	101					101		2	1	70	24	1	5	1	97	1	40	15	1		3	1	1			14	1	
Glendale, 1st Lutheran (Pi Rho Theta)	1		17		17				7		10								10	1			1		*		1			2		
Glendale, 1st Luth. (Bus. & Prof. Women)		1	5	15	20						20											20										
Hollywood (Women of the Church)	1		2	38	40					40			1	25		1	1	1	40	1		8	1	1			1					
Hollywood (Florence M. Welty)	1		12	13	25					15	10		1			1	2	1	18	1			1				1		1	1		
Huntington Pk., St. Luke's (Gospel Light)	1			27	27		1	1		27		1	1	10		1	3	1	27	1	17	6	1				1	1			1	
Huntington Pk., St. Luke's (Go Ye)	1		14		14		3	3		10	7		1	14	14	1	1	1	13	1		5	1				1	1				
Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)	1			15	15		2	2		15						1	10		22			5					1	1		1		
Long Beach, Trinity	1		6	36	42					32	10	1		14		1	1		25	1	65	1	1				1	1		3		
Los Angeles, Bethany (Cosmo)	1		10	6	16					13	3								12	1		6	1				1			1		
Los Angeles, Bethany (First)	1			11	11					11		1		10		1	1		11	1			1	1			1			3		
L. A., 1st Eng. Luth. (W. of C. Day Group)	1			55	55					55						1	1	1	63	1	62	5	1	1			1	5		9	1	
L. A. 1st Eng. Luth (W. of C. Eve. Group)		1		22	22						22											22										
L.A. (1st Eng. Luth. (W. of C.—D.R.H. Group)	1		12		12				3	3	6		1			1	1	1	1	1			1				1	1		1		
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (First)	1			25	25					25		1		18					19	1		6						1				$100
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Heart)	1		4	6	10		1	1		8	3										10											
N. Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Mena Spirer)	1			14	14		3	3		14		1	1	10					14	1		1	1	1			1	1	1	2		
N. Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)	1			20	20		1	1		16	4	1	1	15					22	1		4	1	1			1	1	1	5		
Pasadena, Trinity	1			34	34		5	5		34	5		1	15	15	1	1	1	27	1	75						1	4		3		
Phoenix, Grace (John K. Reed)	1			36	36					35	1	1	1			1	5	1	41	1	356	6	1		1		1			3		
Redlands, 1st Eng. Lutheran (First)	1			19	19		4	4		19			1	10		1	5	1	15	1							1	1		1		$400
Riverside, Trinity (Wom. Mission Guild)	1			13	13					10	3					1	1		19	1							1	1		2		
Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)	1		11	3	14				3	4	7																			1		
San Bern'dino, 1st Eng. Luth. (M. L. Sandidge)	1		4	19	23					20	3	1	3	10	10	1	5	1	25	1	50	8	1				1	1		2		
San Bern'dino, 1st Eng. Luth (Emma L. Alm)		1	19		19				19													19										
San Diego, 1st Luth. (Wom. of the Church)	1			35	35					35		2	1	8	9	1	5	1	27	1	8		1	2	1		1	2		2		
San Diego, 1st Luth. (Katherine Van Bora)	1		3	16	19	3	5	8		16	11					1	1	1	19	1		6	1	1			1	2		2	1	
Santa Barbara, Grace	1			17	17		1	1		17		1		15	15	1	1	1	17	1		4					1		1			
Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Missionary)	1			36	36		1	1		36		1	1	10					28	1		16	1	*	1		1	1		2		
Totals Southern Conference	30	3	140	679	819	3	34	37	46	665	125	15	16	280	89	21	57	18	677	26	683	168	20	8	7	1	26	28	5	63	4	$500
Totals Northern Conference	19		45	271	316		6	6	1	272	43	4	10	77	41	14	53	12	217	12	353	65	12	2	3		15	11	3	29	1	
GRAND TOTALS	49	3	185	950	1135	3	40	43	47	937	168	19	26	357	130	35	110	30	894	38	1036	233	32	10	10	1	41	39	8	92	5	$500

* Indicates Part Payment

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CLERICAL ROLL	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER
RETIRED				
Altpeter, Peter, D.D.	1895	1922	S	Bonita, California
Becker, Otto	1912	1941	N	1128 "N" St., Sanger, Calif.
Broyer, John R., Ph.D.	1896	1912	N	1622 Great Highway, San Francisco, 22
Bosserman, Homer L.	1910	1936	S	Route 5, Box 255, Tucson, Ariz.
Brandes, William	1888	1896	N	3266 Liberty Ave., Alameda
Crouser, William E., D.D. (p.e.m.)	1898	1902	N	1204 Lincoln Ave., San Jose
Fieblekorn, Albert	1903	1921	S	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia, Calif.
Gruver, Oscar H., D.D.	1892	1904 (1894)	N	717 Carlston Ave., Oakland, 10
Harshman, L. A.	1907	1944	S	717 S. Burlington, Los Angeles, 5
Harter, Norman N.	1895	1911	S	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles
Herold, J. S., D.D.	1900	1939	N	Route 2, Box 181-A, Ojai, Calif.
Hoick, Edward J., D.D.	1894	1898	S	1041 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles, 37
Isham, Arthur A.	1907	1912	S	832 Alvarado St., Redlands, Calif.
Jatho, Adolph	1887	1895	N	1634 Adeline St., Oakland
Leech, Harvey M.	1894	1920 (1912)	N	3005 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley, 5
Maggart, C. W., D.D.	1882	1926 (1892)	S	2023 West 82nd St., Los Angeles
Meyer, Emil	1900	1919	N	3900 Lakeshore, Oakland, 10
Miller, William C., S.T.M.	1899	1928	S	Cole Camp, Missouri
Mottern, Warren R., Litt.D. (p.e.m.)	1897	1909	S	211 N. Adams St., Glendale, 6
Moyer, F. E.	1912	1944	S	2404 "F" St., San Diego, 2
Pryor, Francis C.	1916	1937	S	6020 Hertford Dr., Los Angeles, 2
Oehler, Charles F., D.D.	1888	1893	N	1713 "J" ,Sacramento, 14
Rockey, C. H.	1881	1931	S	2127 West 6th St., Los Angeles
Snyder, Daniel J., D.D.	1903	1908	S	2085 Linden St., Long Beach, 6
Trabert, E. A., D.D. (p.e.m.)	1898	1919	N	~~5505 Kales Ave., Oakland, 11~~ 828 No. Idaho St.
Weaver, H. J., D.D., (p.e.m.)	1894	1900	S	6814 S. Cedar St., Huntington Park
Westenbarger, B. L.	1892	1942	S	1211 N. Howard St., Glendale, 6
Yerian, S. H., Ph.D., D.D.	1899	1926	S	4427 59th St., Los Angeles, 43
Zeigler, J. A. M., Ph.D., D.D.	1877	1919 (1907)	S	2819 E. California, Huntington Park
CHAPLAINS				
Crouser, Clarence F.	1923	1925	S	U.S.N.R.
Dyreson, Delmar L.	1931	1934	S	Army of U. S.
May, Erwin T.	1931	1934	S	Army of U. S.
Opperman, Henry W.	1933	1935	N	Army of U. S.
Swanson, Franklin A.	1938	1942	S	U.S.N.R.
Vesseler, Lawrence C.	1941	1941	S	U.S.N.

CLERICAL ROLL	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER	CONG. SERVED	LAY DELEGATE	LAYMAN'S ADDRESS
Ackerman, J. Emory	1944	1944	S	1102 Budlong, Gardena	St. John's	Wm. Erbe	933 W. 161st St., Gardena
Alm, Arthur W.	1942	1943	S	631 "G" St., San Bernardino	First	Arthur Schaffer	1484 Mt. View, San Bernardino
Alsop, Albert	1945	1945	S		Missionary to Argentina		
Anspach, Howard A., D.D.	1913	1930	S	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, 4	Trinity	Clarence L. Derr	1954 Queensberry Rd., Pasadena, 7
Awerkamp, Orval A.	1935	1935	N	562 McLaughlin, Richmond	Grace	Walter Hanson	2360 Bush, Richmond
Beasom, James P., Jr., D.D.	1923	1937	S	1650 Capistrano Ave., Glendale, 8	President of Synod		
Bergstresser, Phillip	1944	1944	N	Cor. 55th Ave. & Edgerly, Oakland	St. John's	Jack Leeman	1951 Seminary Ave., Oakland, 1
Bitter, John C.	1917	1923	N	603 "E" St., Fresno	Wartburg		
Claus, August	1943	1943	N	2122 Lotus Ave., Fresno, 2	St. Paul's	B. Steinhauer	2337 Lamona, Fresno, 4
Click, E. Dale	1944	1944	N	1531 Kalmia St., San Mateo	St. Andrew's	D. Jacobson	300 Channing Rd., San Mateo
Dorn, J. George, D.D.	1915	1927	N	1135 O' Farrell St., San Francisco	St. Mark's	William Capel	1815 Lyon, San Francisco, 15
Dysinger, William S., D.D.	1894	1916	S	1419 Sixth, Los Angeles, 6	English	H. Blunden	725 W. 111th St., Los Angeles
Fuller, Ronald W.	1945	1945	S	818 N. 7th, Phoenix, Ariz.	Board Missionary		
Hidy, Ross F.	1942	1945	N	3106 Harbor Gate, Richmond	Com. of Am. Missions		
Holand, Clifford B.	1927	1938	S	625 21st Pl., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	F. Noel	237 Spencer, Glendale
~~Hooker, Robert~~	1945	1945	N	380 18th Ave., San Francisco	First English	C. Graeber	210 Eleventh Ave., San Francisco
Hudson, Guy L.	1930	1930	S	122 S. Almont Dr., Los Angeles, 36	Beverly Hills	C. H. Lindstrom	112615 Pacific, Venice
Keck, Paul E.	1945	1945	N	2346 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento	Board Missionary		
Kerstetter, Robert D.	1939	1943	S	1733 N. New Hampshire Ave., Hollywood	Hollywood		
Knudten, A. C., Ph.D.	1920	1943	N	Alcatraz & Benevue, Oakland, 4	St. Michael's, Berkeley	L. W. Varblow	516 Curtis, Albany, 6
Kohler, Henry Irving, D.D.	1919	1930	S	7011 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles	Bethany	E. N. Egge	111 E. 77th St., Los Angeles, 3
Lindsay, H. C.	1926	1940	S	1120 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	C. F. Johnson	357 W. Campbell, Phoenix, Ariz.
Lorimer, Harold	1944	1944	N	554 S. 5th St., San Jose	Grace	Geo. F. Kobl	490 Coe, San Jose
Lucas, Herman	1923	1925	N	269 Dolores St., San Francisco, 3	St. Matthew's	O. A. Travtz	1196 Stanyon St., San Francisco
Marshall, Robert L.	1944	1944	S	116 S. Almansor, Alhambra	Grace	M. R. Spencer	110 N. 5th St., Alhambra
Miller, Carl A.	1925	1941	S	232 W. Olive St., Redlands	First	E. J. Retzlaff	646 Eureka St., Redlands
Miller, Eldon	1944	1944	S	233 S. Kenwood St., Glendale, 5	Synod Board Missionary		
Nield, John B.	1943	1943	S	1122 W. 36th Pl., Los Angeles, 4	St. Mark's	W. E. Lebold	843 W. 43rd Pl.,Los Angeles
Oslund, Edward J.	1938	1938	N	334 Mason St., San Francisco, 2	Service Center		
Peterson, Joseph W.	1922	1944	N	1309 Tuolomne St., Vallejo	St. Paul's	C. R. Swanson	59 Aden St., Vallejo
~~Poet, William P. LL.D.~~	1901	1920	S	3925 Walnut St,, Riverside	Trinity		
Romeis, H. Paul	1931	1936	N	659 Sixteenth St., Oakland, 12	First	J. Jorgensen	3721 Young Ave., Oakland, 2
Romeis, Robert S.	1938	1938	N	2609 San Jose Way, Sacramento, 17	St. John's	W. F. Bening	1320 Vallejo Way, Sacramento
Scherer, Henry	1928	1943	S	630 Ferger Ave., Fresno, 3	First	W. A. Shafer	Rt. 1, Box 262, Fresno
~~Schmidt, Henry F.~~	1895	1930	N	15 Latona St., San Francisco, 24	Temple	H. A. Papl	2514 32nd St., San Francisco
Schwertz, Albert B., D.D.	1924	1941	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, 5	First English	H. A. Weisman	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, 5
Smith, Chas. P.	1938	1943	S	2721 E. Florence St., Huntington Park	St. Luke's	R. Kluck	6931 Wilcox Bell, Los Angeles
Smith, Franklin P.	1937	1941	N	353 Roumfort Rd., Mt. Airy, Phila. 19, Pa.			
Soldan, A. J., D.D.	1901	1929	S	10441 Ashton Ave., West Los Angeles, 24	Westwood Village	J. H. Henkes	1735 Midvale, Los Angeles
Spindt, Geo. A.	1945	1945	S	1109 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara	Grace	J. H. Jendresen	821 E. Carrillo, Santa Barbara
Spirer, Edward N.	1930	1931	S	6616 Irving St., North Hollywood	St. Matthew's		
Thompson, Geo.	1944	1945	S	197 Foothill Blvd., Altadena	Altadena	C. F. Crueger	69 Maner St., Altadena
Vosseler, Erwin A.	1920	1941	S	1320 Second Ave., San Diego, 1	First	M. Johnson	4778 Thirty-fourth St., San Diego, 4
Wagner, Donald F.	1945	1945	S	2800 Caspian Ave., Long Beach	Faith	C. J. Kull	2037 Lincoln St., Long Beach, 6
Weaver, J. Benner	1944	1944	S	8457 Byrd Ave., Inglewood	Holy Trinity	Chas. Hovey	11821 Athens Way, Los Angeles
Wentz, Frederick K.	1945	1945	S	4115 Van Buren Pl., Culver City	Culver City		
Wolpert, Paul	1943	1943	N	3162 First Ave., Sacramento, 17	First	W. Raymond	2517 Thirty-sixth, Sacramento

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	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	Pastors	Congregations
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph.D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. M. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30

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28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	58	37
39	Sacramento	1930	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	37
40	Long Beach	1931	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	64	37
41	San Francisco	1932	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	68	38
42	Los Angeles	1933	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	65	36
43	Oakland	1934	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	62	36
44	Riverside	1935	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	64	35
45	San Francisco	1936	Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	63	37
46	Phoenix, Arizona	1937	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	66	37
47	Sacramento	1938	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	37
48	Santa Monica	1939	Rev. Howard A. Anspach	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	60	37
49	San Jose	1940	Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	57	36
50	Los Angeles	1941	Rev. William H. Derr	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	38
51	Sacramento	1942	Rev. William H. Derr, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	38
52	Glendale	1943	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	67	39
53	San Francisco	1944	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	68	39
54	Pasadena	1945	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	83	42

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Fifty-fourth Annual Convention

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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD of California

FIRST SESSION

Pasadena, California, April 23, 1945, 7:45 p.m.

The fifty-fourth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California opened with the confessional service followed by the administration of the Holy Communion, Liturgist: The Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler; Administrants: The Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D., and the Rev. H. Paul Romeis; Homolist: The Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., who used as his subjest, "The Rehearsal," based on the story of the Emmaus disciples. Special music was furnished by the choir of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena.

SECOND SESSION

Pasadena, California, April 24, 1945, 9:00 a.m.

The chaplain, the Rev. H. C. Lindsay, conducted the devotions on "Meditations on Galatians," using as his text, Galatians 1:6-7.

The fifty-fourth annual convention was formally opened by President James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., by the use of the prescribed form.

The Rev. Joseph Peterson, chairman of the committee on Reference and Counsel presented the report which was adopted.

The following guests were presented and given the right of the floor: The Rev. R. H. Gerberding, D.D., President of the Northwest Synod and official representative of the U.L.C.A., and Chaplain Paul Buchholz, U.S.N.R.

The following new members of Synod were introduced: The Rev's. Robert Marshall, Harold Lorimer, Phillip Bergstresser, J. E. Ackerman, J. Benner Weaver, E. Dale Click, George N. Thompson, Eldon R. Miller, Robert Hooker, Don W. Endter, Paul Keck, Frederick K. Wentz, George A. Spindt, Donald Wagner, Albert Alsop, L. A. Harschman, and Ross Hidy.

The President of the Synod presented the following report:

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.—Amen.

Introduction: It is a very small thing for us to love one another since God so loved us, and it is a very small thing for us to express to the Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D., the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Pasadena, our host congregation, the affection which we have for him and to let him and all others know the position he holds in the esteem of Synod. We are all very deeply grateful for his many contributions to the whole church and for his Christ-like spirit in all of his actions. We are, likewise, happy to express to the members of Trinity Church the appreciation of Synod for their faithfulness, their devotion and their practical manifestation of God's love. We are happy to meet in their beautiful edifice and enjoy their Christian hospitality.

The World at War: This year we meet at a time when the first rays of dawn appear upon the horizon of our very sad world. We are beginning to hear the

Philippian cries through the mist of shell and destruction: To come over an help. We are becoming aware of our post-war opportunities.

Our prayers are offered for those families whose homes have been broke or whose loved ones are sick or wounded. We pray for all who are in servic that God may keep them under the shadow of His wing. We petition the thron of grace for peace, for a peace which the world cannot give but which come down from above. We ask the Lord to guide the leaders of the nations abou to assemble in San Francisco that through their efforts His will might be don upon earth as it is in heaven. We ask for divine help for the President of th United States of America and all who shall work with him in bringing the wo to an end, our men and women home, and a happy and working nation in th days that lie ahead.

Our Chaplains: Seven of our pastors are serving in the armed forces of ou Country as chaplains: D. Edward Wright, Clarence F. Crouser, Erwin T. Ma Delmar L. Dyreson, Henry W. Opperman, Franklin A. Swanson, and Lawrenc C. Vosseler. All are faithfully performing their duties as pastors of the men i service, and a number of them have been cited for bravery and distinguishe conduct under fire. The Church wishes to assure each one of them a vit place in our post-war program. The fields are truly white unto the harvest an the laborers are few.

Our Opportunities: The Pacific Southwest has had a gradual growth i population each decade since 1910, exceeding any other section of the natio Since 1940 about a million and a half new people came here for war job Most of these newcomers were under forty and over twenty years of ag Other states paid for their upbringing; we are reaping their productivity.

Using the State of California as an example with its present population o 7,500,000, the pessimistic estimates for the population of the State for 1950 ar 8,500,000 with the optimistic estimates of 9,500,000. (Report California Stat Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission, July, 1944.) These figures tak into consideration the natural shift in population which will take place follow ing the close of the war and the return of the men in service, as well as th trend in growth stopped by the war.

"One thing seems certain. Not more than a quarter or a fifth of the ne Californians, drawn here by the war, will have permanently left this Stat Experience has shown that once people come to California, they tend to sta or return because of the lure of sunshine, equable temperature, and pleasar living conditions."

No one can be certain of the future, for there may be disasters which ma change every prediction, but barring such eventualities, the future of this are is full of promise. The question before our Synod must be: will we be alert t our opportunities? Other congregations in the east will have given us the members, will we lose them? Many unchurched and un-Christian families wi come, will we bring Christ to them?

Our Missions: Already we have made a humble beginning: the ne missions are becoming a part of our Synodical life. We have started others i several new locations, and we have a number of fields to survey. We ar grateful to the officers and Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church i America, and especially to the staff and Board of American Missions. Thes have a vision of our opportunities and are encouraging us in many ways t advance as rapidly as we possibly can. But this advance cannot be made with out the wholehearted cooperation of all of our pastors and congregation Missions need the encouragement of larger congregations.

We must express the appreciation of Synod for two Board Missionaries wh have organized congregations for us: the Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D., and th Rev. Paul Gerberding. Both have done outstanding work.

Finally, we are grateful to the theological seminaries of our Church fo giving us the opportunity of presenting the challenge of our Synod and fo their willingness to encourage young men to go west to man our mission field

Lutheran World Action: As the smoke of the battle dies away, greater wi be the needs for united action of Lutheranism. Europe, Asia, and the islands o the seas will be crying for our help. Our men will need to be returned to the homes with all the care which our Church can give. Prisoners will have to hav

kindly consideration. Mission fields in foreign lands will require added help. The Church must not fail. Such magnificent results have been seen during these war years. 1945 must put the Lutheran World Action Appeal far over the top. This will depend upon every member of every congregation.

110% Plus In Benevolences: With the added load to carry, our Synod has reached its greatest year of achievement. Every Congregation reached its goal of 100% for benevolence or exceeded it. This should be a time for rejoicing. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Synod as a whole went over 110%. What was done this past year can be done this year if we will all pray and work for it. Let us remember that it is not a quota; it is a service to our Lord and His most holy Church.

The Midland College Appeal: We have sought to build a wing of the new men's dormitory for Midland College. This will cost us about $25,000. To date, several congregations have raised a thousand dollars or more. Let each congregation place this before its membership that ministerial education and our Christian college will not suffer through our neglect.

Men for the Ministry: We are using more men to man our congregations than we are sending into the ministry. This is not a healthy condition, especially when we know of the dropping off of our students for the ministry in all of our seminaries due to the war. If we are to have a great church in the far west, we must recruit able, sincere and consecrated men for the ministry. We must find them in numbers equal to our needs. They are in our congregations if we will but place the call and the challenge of the gospel ministry to them.

Women for the Church: More and more, we are feeling the demand for Christian young women for the various fields of service of our Church. These, too, must be recruited in our congregations for full-time work. The opportunities are many and varied and should appeal to our young women. Let us send out the call.

The Laymen: The women of the Church have long been well organized in the various endeavors of the Women's Missionary Society. They must be continually encouraged. But our men have been woefully weak synodically. This meeting of Synod should bring into being an active Laymen's group. Vital work that can be done by the men of the Church is at hand. Let us seek to fulfill this demand.

Death: The Rev. William J. Dentler, August 9, 1944.

Resignations: The Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., from the First Lutheran Church, Glendale, December 31, 1944. The Rev. Richard R. Drummond, Ph.D., from St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Berkeley, December 31, 1944. The Rev. Francis Pryor, from Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, February 1, 1945. The Rev. Daniel J. Snyder, D.D., from Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Beach, April 1, 1945. The Rev. Otto Becker from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sanger, April 10, 1945.

Calls Accepted: The Rev. Richard Drummond, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Berkeley, June 1, 1944. The Rev. Robert J. Marshall, Grace Lutheran Church, Alhambra, June 1, 1944. The Rev. Harold Lorimer, Grace Lutheran Church, San Jose, June 1, 1944. The Rev. Philip Bergstresser, St. John's Lutheran Church, Oakland, June 1, 1944. The Rev. J. E. Ackerman, St. John's Lutheran Church, Gardena, June 1, 1944. The Rev. J. Benner Weaver, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Inglewood, June 1, 1944. The Rev. E. Dale Click, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, San Mateo, January 1, 1945. The Rev. George Nelson Thompson, Altadena Lutheran Church, Altadena, January 1, 1945.

Calls Accepted as Board Missionaries: The Rev. Eldon R. Miller, assistant to the President of Synod, for the organization of new mission fields, June 1, 1944. The Rev. Robert Hooker, First Lutheran Church, San Francisco, March 1, 1945. The Rev. Don W. Endter, new mission, Phoenix, Arizona, March 1, 1945. The Rev. Paul Keck, St. Paul's mission, Sacramento, March 1, 1945. The Rev. Frederick K. Wentz, new mission, Culver City, March 1, 1945. The Rev. George Alfred Spindt, Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, March 15, 1945. The Rev. Donald E. Wagner, Faith Lutheran Church, Long Beach, April 1, 1945.

Installations: June 25, 1944, The Rev. Robert J. Marshall. July 2, 1944, The Rev. Harold Lorimer. July 2, 1944, The Rev. Philip Bergstresser. July 23, 1944, The Rev. J. Emory Ackerman. July 23, 1944, The Rev. J. Benner Weaver. July 30,

1944, The Rev. Richard Drummond, Ph.D. Dec. 10, 1944, The Rev. George Thompson. March 25, 1945, The Rev. E. Dale Click.

Ordinations: July 18, 1944, The Rev. Richard Drummond, Ph. D. July 2, 194 The Rev. Harold Lorimer. December 3, 1944, The Rev. George N. Thompso December 29, 1944, The Rev. Elvin Hansen. December 31, 1944, The Rev. Albe Alsop. March 18, 1945, The Rev. George Alfred Spindt.

Commissioning for the Foreign Mission Board: December 31, 1945, The Re Albert Alsop.

Organization of Congregations: July 25, 1944, The Altadena Luthere Church, The Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D., Organizer. January 7, 1945, The Fai Lutheran Church, Long Beach, The Rev. Paul Gerberding, Organizer.

Burning of Mortgages: April 21, 1944, St. John's, Gardena. June 25, 194 Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Beach. August 13, 1944, Grace Lutheran Churc Alhambra. January 14, 1945, Grace Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizon November 12, 1944, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena.

Demission from the Ministry: January 24, 1945, The Rev. Richard Drummon Ph.D.

Work in the Congregations: This portion of the report is posted as a cho for the Convention and may be considered as a part of the whole. We ar indeed, grateful unto Almighty God for His blessings. Under His leadershi every congregation of Synod has made progress physically and spiritually. F such advancements that may have been made, we give Him all of the hon and the glory. For our mistakes and failures, we seek His divine forgivenes For the future, we pray for His grace and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR.,
The President of Synod.

Motion prevailed that the report be referred to the Committee on Presiden Report.

The following Convention Committees were appointed:

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

President's Report: Rev. Robert Kerstetter, Ph.D., Chairman — R. Spencer, Co F. Crueger

Reference and Counsel: Rev. Joseph Peterson, Chairman — Rev. Charles Smith, Rev. J. E. Ackerman

Claims: Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl, Chairman— Rev. Phillip Bergstresser, E. J. Retzla J. H. Jenresen

Letters and Papers: Rev. Orval Awerkamp, Rev. Robert Romeis, Martin Johnso

Excuses: Rev. Arthur Alm, Chairman — Rev. B. L. Westengarger, Herbe Hofheintz

Tellers: Rev. J. Benner Weaver, Chairman — Rev. Robert Marshall, A. L. Kluc C. F. Johnson

Convention Reporter: Rev. Guy Hudson

Chairman of Laymen's Meeting: F. J. Bowman

Convention Publicity: Rev. George Thompson, Rev. George Spindt

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

RECEIPTS:		Receipts	Disburmt's
BALANCES, January 1, 1944			
U.L.C.A. Apportionment	$ 33.69		
Synodical Treasury	1,737.05		
California Home Missions Fund	1,814.97	$ 3,585.71	
APPORTIONMENT			
U.L.C.A.	$15,118.22		$15,050.00
Synodical Treasury	5,934.20		
Midland College	4,861.19		4,853.36
California Home Missions	1,905.95		
President's Office Fund	2,940.07		
TOTAL Apportionment		30,759.63	
UN-APPORTIONED BENEVOLENCES			
Midland College (Gifts)		1,285.85	1,285.85
Lutheran World Action		7,932.14	7,932.14
Foreign Missions		471.43	471.43
Home Missions		2,079.58	381.58
Ministerial Pensions and Relief		272.55	272.55
American Bible Society		399.90	399.90
Other Benevolences		344.00	319.00
Sale of property of Bethel Church, San Jose		4,203.88	
Total balance of Bethel Church funds to B.A.M.			5,027.68
Altadena Mission fund		2,286.14	1,606.57
Long Beach Mission fund		556.86	518.85
Reserve Fund, St. John's Church, Oakland			225.00
Improvement Fund, Temple Church, San Francisco			65.00
Deposit on property for Sacramento Mission			500.00
California Home Missions; General Fund (Surveys, etc.)		391.00	571.83
Proceeds of the Bernheim Estate for Home Missions		298.69	
Proceeds to Synodical Treasury from the Bernheim Estate		2,000.00	
Loan of above item to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena			2,000.00
Student Work		883.00	883.00
Ministerial Education			1,000.00
Travel Allowances for Ministerial students		777.81	777.81
President's expense allowance, old plan			400.00
President's expense allowance, new plan			552.83
Expenses, trip to interview students, Presidents' Conference			458.96
Special allowance for telephone, President's office			64.77
Officers' salaries			250.00
Executive Committee expenses			310.00
Home Mission Committee expenses			151.37
Other Committees' expenses			14.05
Travel expense, Synodical convention			535.37
Other convention expenses			73.70
Carried Forward		$58,528.17	$46,952.60

UN-APPORTIONED BENEVOLENCES (Continued)	Receipts	Disbursemt's
Brought Forward	58,528.17	46,952.60
Printing Minutes of Synod	75.00	470.83
Secretary's expenses		49.48
Per diem allowance, U.L.C.A. delegates		560.00

Postage, stationery, etc.			132.96
Yosemite National Park Church			75.00
Sequoia National Park Church			50.00
Publishing Golden State Lutheran		15.00	322.83
California Lutheran Camp			90.00
Board of Social Missions (Dr. Carlson's Visit)			100.00
Miscellaneous Receipts and Disbursements		315.89	237.49
		$58,934.06	$49,041.19
BALANCES, December 31, 1944			
U.L.C.A. Apportionment	$ 101.91		
Synodical Treasury	3,001.79		
President's Office Fund	2,115.78		
Midland College	7.83		
Other Benevolences	115.00		
California Home Missions	3,524.98		
Improvement Fund, Temple Church	308.00		
Altadena Mission Fund	679.57		
Long Beach Mission Fund	38.01		
	$ 9,892.87		9,892.87
		$58,934.06	$58,934.06

HOME FOR THE AGED FUND

RECEIPTS:		
Balance, January 1, 1944	$ 2,783.32	
Interest on U. S. Bonds	245.00	
Interest on Savings Account	9.16	
From the Bernheim Estate	500.00	$ 3,537.48
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Purchase of U. S. Bonds	2,000.00	
Taxes, Sierra Madre Property	204.22	2,204.22
BALANCE, December 31, 1944		$ 1,333.26
ASSET ACCOUNT:		
Cash on hand ,December 31, 1944	$ 1,333.26	
U. S. Government Bonds	10,000.00	
Sierra Madre Property	7,500.00	
Total Gross Assets		$18,833.26

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SYNOD
December 31, 1944

Cash in Synodical Treasury	$ 3,001.79	
Cash balance, President's Office Fund	2,115.78	
California Home Missions, General Fund	3,524.98	
Altadena Mission Fund	679.57	
Long Beach Mission Fund	38.01	
Improvement Fund, Temple Church, San Francisco	308.00	
Midland College	7.83	
U.L.C.A. Apportionment Account	101.91	
Un-apportioned benevolences	115.00	
Total Cash on Hand, December 31, 1944		$ 9,892.87
Notes Receivable		2,000.00
Home for Aged, Gross Assets		18,833.26
TOTAL GROSS ASSETS, December 31, 1944		$30,726.13

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer.

The report was adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Oakland, Calif., April 6, 1945.

We have examined the books and the accounts of Mr. William B. Scheehl, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, and find them correct and in order and the balances of nine thousand eight hundred ninety-two dollars and eighty-seven cents ($9,892.87) in the general treasury and one thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars and twenty-six cents ($1,333.26) in the Home for Aged fund to be in accord with the balances as shown by the bank statements.

Respectfully submitted,

THE AUDITING COMMITTEE
O. W. Weibel — H. B.O'Brien

The Rev. Henry Scherer, the Statistician of Synod, presented the

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

The parochial report sheets published at this convention of Synod are a part of the report.

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve as your Statistician for the past year. There has perhaps never been a year in the history of our Synod that the Lord has blessed us so richly, and it has been gratifying to record for you our growth in grace and good works, so far as figures can show them.

The first three blanks to be returned were from Alhambra, Grace, Pastor Robert J. Marshall; San Diego, First, Pastor Erwin A. Vosseler; Wartburg, Fresno, Pastor J. C. Bitter. Flawless blanks were submitted by eleven congregations: Alhambra; Beverly Hills; Fresno, First; Fresno, Wartburg; Long Beach, Trinity; Oakland, First; Oakland, St. John's; Richmond; Sacramento, St. John's. Many other blanks just missed perfection by some slight error in arithmetic. Some few of the men in Synod would greatly improve the irascible disposition of the statistician if they could arrange to borrow a typewriter and adding machine from some member of their church on the day they make out the 1945 parochial report blank.

Some of the increases over 1943 are:

Baptized members	2,580 or 15.4%
Confirmed members	1,753 or 15.9%
Communing members	1,131 or 17.2%
(Only two ULCA synods showed a larger gain in 1943)	
Sunday School scholars	576
Catechumens	194
Members of Men's Societies	81
Members of Women's Societies	288
Members of Youth Societies	13
Property Value	$103,559
Indebtedness grew only	19,563
Congregational expenditure	64,372
Apportionment paid	7,301
Unapportioned benevolences	7,082
Total expenditures	78,755

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SCHERER.

The report was adopted with a rising vote of thanks.

The Rev. J. Edward Hoick, D.D., the Historian of Synod, presented

THE REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL HISTORIAN

The Historian is endeavoring to keep pace with the rapid development of the Synod with the opening of new fields, and the numerous changes of Pastors. He would greatly appreciate a copy of anniversary programs, Church Bulletins containing historical information. In this manner, the files of individual congregations could be kept right up to date. Brethren, Please Cooperate!

JOHN EDWARD HOICK,

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., Archivist of Synod, presented the

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

In one of the rooms of First English Lutheran we find the Archives of not only the Synod of California, but also of the Women's Synodical. Until recently the latter was kept in the home of Dr. and Mrs. John E. Hoick.

Copies of the Golden State Lutheran, the minutes of Synod and certain important papers have been received and filed. We still would welcome Bulletins of Anniversary Celebrations.

We are recommending that as soon as the war is over a really fire-proof safe or cabinet be secured for these records.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, Archivist.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. W. C. Crouser, D.D., Necrologist of Synod, presented the

REPORT OF NECROLOGIST

It is our painful duty to record the passing of one of our older members who in recent years has been in ill health.

The Rev. William J. Dentler died at his home in Redlands on September 9, 1944, and was buried on September 11th from the First Lutheran Church in Redlands, the Rev. A. E. Isham officiating. William J. Dentler was born at Turbotville, Pa., on July 18, 1885. After being graduated from Susquehanna University he entered Hamma Divinity School from which institution he was also graduated. Both he and Mrs. Dentler engaged in graduate study at the University of Glasgow for two years. His interest was Hebrew literature and history. Three summers were spent in research work at the British Museum in London. In all he made seven trips to Europe.

After a pastorate in Oxford, Ohio, he came to California in 1916 and served as pastor of the First Lutheran Church in Redlands. During the first World War, he was with the work of Near East Relief in the United States and later served with the Belgian and French Relief. In 1921 he was chosen Superintendent of Missions of the Southern Conference of the California Synod. During his term of office St. Luke's congregation of Huntington Park was gathered and organized.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. CROUSER, D.D.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary of Synod, E. A. Vosseler, presented a special resolution of the Executive Committee providing for the appointment of a special committee to lay plans for the establishment of a Board of Directors to be incorporated for the setting up and conducting of a Home for the Aged, said committee to report back to this convention. The President of Synod appointed the following special committee: The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, Chairman, Dr. Howard A. Anspach, Dr. Herbert J. Weaver, Clarence Derr and Wm. B. Scheehl.

The session adjourned, followed by a prayer by the Rev. John Edward Hoick, D.D.

THE THIRD SESSION

Pasadena, California, April 24, 1945, 2:00 p.m.

Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Eldon Miller, alternate Chaplain.

The minutes of the second session were read and accepted as read.

The Rev. Rovert D. Kerstetter, Ph.D., presented the Rev. W. P. Hieronymous, Ph.D., acting President of Midland College, Fremont, Nebraska.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., presented Miss June Sederstrom, Secretary of Lutheran Student Work in Southern California, who then addressed the convention on Lutheran Student Work.

The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, Chairman, gave a

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO DRAW UP PLANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOME FOR THE AGED

Your committee recommends that:

1. Synod create a Board of Management for a Home for the Aged.
2. The Board of Management to consist of 12 members, one of whom shall be the President of Synod, nine to be elected from the California Synod each of whom shall be in good standing in one of the congregations of Synod; three, including the President of Synod, to be elected for three years, three for two years, and three for one year; and three each year thereafter for a three-year term. The Board itself is to elect the remaining three: one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, irrespective of church affiliation, the terms thereafter to be for three years.
3. That we instruct this Board to adopt a constitution and by-laws and draw up Articles of Incorporation subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of Synod and to incorporate as a non-profit organization.
4. That we authorize the trustees of Synod to turn over to this Board funds and assets of the Home for the Aged now in the custody of the Treasurer of Synod when the corporation has been formed.
5. That we authorize the Board of Management to solicit and receive gifts and bequests both within and without Synod for the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.
6. That the Board be instructed to make a full report to Synod at each annual convention.
7. That this Board shall not obligate itself in any amount in excess of a sum to be fixed from time to time by the Synod without the approval of the Executive Committee of the Synod.
8. That the limit of obligation be set now at $25,000.00.

The report was considered seriatim.

Recommendation 1 was adopted.
Recommendation 2 was adopted.
Recommendation 3 was adopted.
Recommendation 4 was adopted.
Recommendation 5 was adopted.
Recommendation 6 was adopted.
Recommendation 7 was adopted.
Recommendation 8 was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Henry Scherer, chairman, presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully refers the Synod to the several pages of analysis of membership and growth in the Statistician's report, in lieu of further statement.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., Trustee of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary, presented the

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE AND WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

For the Fiscal Year 1943-1944

GENERAL STATEMENT

By the grace of God and the cooperation of friends and the church, Midland College and Western Theological Seminary have enjoyed a forward-moving year. The appended record cannot relate the sacrifices of faculty, prayers of people good offices of many friends, nor the guidance of the Father. They are written in God's own book.

CORPORATION AND COLLEGE OFFICERS

Officers of the corporation for 1943-44: President Henry A. Gunderson a Fremont; Vice-President Alfred J. Beil of Lawrence, Kansas; Secretary A. B Lentz of Louisville, Nebraska; Treasurer Leah L. Williams of Fremont.

Officers of the College: President Fred C. Wiegman, Dean Herman Gimme stad, Treasurer Leah Williams and Business Manager F. E. Wood. Dean of the Seminary is Thomas D. Rinde.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The combined balance sheet shows the following assets:

Cash in all funds	$ 16,330.01
Student notes receivable	1,008.51
Temporary investments	224.00
Inventories	3,319.95
Expense deferred	1,211.65
Secured loans	45,180.02
Securities	45,071.68
Real Estate holdings	67,587.99
Campuses	390,814.41
Rental property	8,400.00
Unsecured loans	427.54
Land contracts	533.25
	$580,109.01

Liabilities are:

Notes payable	$ 12,045.00
Accounts payable	1,691.16
Accrued payroll	2,308.28
Student deposits	636.56
Seminary special funds	1,902.93
Withholding tax	408.85
Endowment	174,779.67
Mortgage	62,674.88
Receipts deferred	767.08
	$257,214.41
Net Worth	$322,894.60
Total Income	$124,688.22
Total Expenditures	124,564.53
Net Operating Gain	$ 123.69

ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS

	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Regular	357	456	436	438	203
Summer	187	161	171	206	255
Total	544	617	607	644	458

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The College and Seminary are in a healthy condition, with increasing recognition from students, educators and churchmen.

The Forward Midland Campaign had, on March 1, 1945, brought in $12,00 with less than one-tenth of the congregations yet under way with their can vasses. The only expense conected with the campaign is a small salary fo the secretary-treasurer, limited outlay for publicity and postage, and the allocation of part of the president's salary.

We report with regret the resignations of President Wiegman and Professo Goodbrod, the former to answer a call to the pastorate of Trinity Lutheran Church, Akron, Ohio, effective June 1, 1945, and the latter to accept a teaching position at Colorado State Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado, effective February 1, 1945. To succeed Prof. Goodbrod, Prof. Wayne Richards has joined the faculty. No successor to President Wiegman has yet been selected.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Forward Midland Campaign be continued until every congregation has completed its solicitation.

2. That Synod guarantee the payment from its budget of $1 per communing member.

3. That Midland College and Western Theological Seminary be commended for its splendid service to the church, and that we pledge them our continued prayers, support and Christian cooperation.

4. That we note with regret the departure of President Fred C. Wiegman and Professor Rupert Goodbrod and that we pray God's blessing upon their labors in new fields of service.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, Trustee.

Following his report the Rev. A. B. Schwertz, D.D., introduced the Rev. W. P. Hieronymous, D.D., Assistant President of Midland College, who presented the claims of the College and Western Seminary.

It was moved to adopt report of Midland College seriatim:
Recommendation 1 was adopted.
Recommendation 2 amended to read the same as 1944.
Recommendation 3 was adopted.
Recommendation 4 was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Rev. Ross Hidy, National Lutheran Council pastor at Harbor Gate, Richmond, California, defense area spoke of his experiences and work at the Kaiser Shipyards.

The Rev. E. A. Trabert, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER

Your Transportation Commissioner faced the same situation concerning which he reported one year ago. Transportation today is a problem, and the Railroads are reductant to grant free transportation. Notwithstanding this he was able to secure transportation for members of the Executive Committee and the Mission Committee from time to time. Upon two occasions the passes granted were received too late to be of use, and were returned to the Southern Pacific Company. At the present time we have a credit of three passes returned. Upon numerous occasions we have been privileged to assist some of our pastors in securing clergy rates. The total expense in which we have been involved was $3.29.

Having served as Transportation Commissioner for many years, years during which the Synod of California has been saved many hundreds of dollars, we now request release from this office.

Respectfully submitted,

EARNEST A. TRABERT,
Transportation Commissioner.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. R. H. Gerberding, D.D., President of the Synod of the Northwest, addressed the convention as the representative of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The session was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. D. J. Snyder, D.D.

VESPER SERVICE

Pasadena, California, April 24, 1945, 7:45 p.m.

The evening service was conducted with the President of Synod, the Rev. James P. Beasom, D.D., presiding and the Revs. Arthur Alm and Paul Wolpert conducting the liturgy.

Appropriate choir music was furnished by the choir of First Lutheran Church, Glendale, George Klump, director, and Mildred Hall, organist.

The address of the evening was delivered by the Rev. Wm. P. Hieronymous D.D., Assistant President of Midland College.

A special period of intercessory prayer for the United Nations Conference was conducted by the President of Synod.

A reception was tendered delegates and visitors by the Missionary Society of Trinity Church.

FOURTH SESSION

Pasadena, California, April 25, 1945, 9:00 a.m.

The devotions of the sessions were led by the Rev. Eldon R. Miller, alternate chaplain.

After roll call, the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Rev. Charles F. Oehler, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CIRCULATION OF "THE LUTHERAN"

Upon our appeal to the pastors of Synod asking their cooperation to increase the circulation of "The Lutheran," our official church paper, there were reported to us 170 new subscriptions for one year and 17 for six months, also 16 renewals for one year. This makes a total of 203 subscriptions in the entire Synod. At present we have on the list 646 subscriptions. This is more than the minimum quota of 5% and we are glad to note that the California Synod has reached 117% of its quota.

Nevertheless, large number of subscriptions are found in a few congregations, and only a sprinkling in others. The Synod contains 38 congregations with 11,027 members. Only nine of these report subscriptions. This shows a very meager cooperation on the part of the pastors. The pastor need not become a canvassing agent, but unless he shows an interest and makes "The Lutheran" a live issue to his members, this paper will never have the chance to bring information and inspiration to our people.

Honorable mention is deserved by the Rev. Joseph W. Peterson of St. Paul's Mission in Vallejo, who put "The Lutheran" in 75% of the homes of the congregation. A few others have done very well also. Let the rest of us go and do likewise.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. OEHLER
(Chairman of Northern Conference)

S. H. YERIAN
(Chairman of Southern Conference)

The report was adopted.

The Rev. J. Edward Hoick, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

The function of this Committee is to cooperate with, and keep informed our Publication House in Philadelphia, regarding (1) what new manuals, books, or other types of publications are deemed desirable; (2) to make known the names of any who give promise of literary ability, and (3) to pass on to the members of Synod information about new books issued by our Publication House.

Synod is informed that during the past year, a cut of 25% was made in the amount of paper used in 1943, also that an additional 10% reduction is expected in the allotment for 1945. The inevitable result of this decrease in the amount of paper available has been manifest in the size of "The Lutheran," the limitation on the number of Year Books for 1945, and "The Weekly Bulletin Service."

New Publications

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY, by Earl S. Rudisill.
THE ALTAR GUILD, by David A. Menges.
THE TALE OF THE WIDOW'S SON, by Robert Harris Gearhart, Jr.
PARISH PRACTICE, by Paul H. Hoh.
VICTOR OR VICTIM, a series of sermons edited by Paul Zeller Strodach.

New Books Scheduled for 1945

THE JOURNALS OF HENRY MELCHIOR MUHLENBERG, Vol. III.
A HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT, by Dr. J. L. Neve and Dr. O. W. Heick.
AN OUTLINE OF MISSIONS, by John Aberly.

Motion Picture Film Rental Service

This service is being enlarged and strengthened. However, projection equipment may not be available for churches until next year.

JOHN EDWARD HOICK, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler, Secretary, presented the

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee for the year 1944-1945 herewith reports its activities since the last meeting of Synod. In accordance with the requirements of the constitution five regular meetings were held.

The committee approved the following:

1. The securing of necessary stationery and the printing and distribution of 1500 copies of Synodical minutes.

2. Planned and approved the expenses and held the installation service of the first full-time President of Synod, the Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., at the First Lutheran Church in Los Angeles, January 24, at which time the Rev. Walter H. Traub, D.D., LL.D., Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha, Nebraska, preached the sermon and represented the United Lutheran Church and Synod as installing officer.

The following participated in the service: the Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D., the Rev. H. Paul Romeis, the Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler, the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D. The combined choirs of congregations of the Southern Conference under the direction of the Rev. John B. Nield, Mus.D., sang two anthems, and the young men of the Southern California Luther League acted as ushers. The pastors of Synod and guests participated in the robed processional.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Southern Conference held a reception for all following the service in the banquet rooms of the church.

The Installation Service was preached by a pre-lenten retreat at which the following gave devotions on the gospel lessons for Lent: The Rev. Henry Scherer, Rev. Guy L. Hudson, Rev. Robert S. Romeis, Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter, Ph.D., Rev. Arthur W. Alm, Rev. Paul Wolpert, Rev. E. Dale Click, Rev. Robert Marshall, Rev. J. Benner Weaver, Rev. Eldon R. Miller, and Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D. Also preceding the installation program committee sessions of the committees of Synod were held. This meeting was opened by a sermon written by the Rev. E. A. Trubert, D.D., and delivered by the Rev. J. E. Oslund which key-noted the whole program. A banquet was held on Tuesday evening under the direction of the Brotherhoods at which time Mr. Ritz E. Heerman, Superintendent of the Lutheran Hospital Association of Southern California, and the President of Synod were the speakers. Berjer Tinglof was the toastmaster.

3. The Executive Committee endorsed the actions and approved the recommendations of the Home Mission Committee of Synod. (See report of Home Missions Committee.)

4. Approved the program for the individual distribution of the Golden State Lutheran.

5. The Executive Committee established the tenure of office to begin January 1, 1945 for five years with an annual vacation of one month with pay. The committee further arranged for the full coverage for insurance for the President's automobile and the payment of salary and expenses monthly as established by Synod.

6. The Executive Committee has received the application for admission into Synod from the English Lutheran Church in Los Angeles, the Altadena Lutheran Church of Altadena, and the Faith Lutheran Church of Long Beach.

7. To implement the Midland Appeal as approved by Synod the committee appointed as directors the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., and the Rev. Harold J. Lorimer.

8. The Executive Committee approved the tract prepared by the Social Missions Committee of Synod, "Lutherans Believe," and paid the cost of printing and distribution.

9. The Executive Committee approved the ordination following the authorization of Synod of: Richard Drummond, Ph.D., George Nelson Thompson, Harold Lorimer, George Alfred Spindt. The Committee further recommended the ordination of Elvin Hanson upon the approval and call from the Pacific Synod, and the ordination of Albert Alsop upon the approval and call of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America.

10. Authorized the President of Synod to attend the Conference of Presidents of the United Lutheran Church in America held at Columbus, Ohio, February 28 and March 1, and the visitation of the seminaries for the purposes of presenting the cause of the California Synod to the students.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Your Committee recommends to the Examining Committee and the Ministerium that the names of Pastors J. Emory Ackerman, Albert Alsop, Philip W. Bergstresser, Harold Lorimer, Robert J. Marshall, Eldon R. Miller, George Alfred Spindt, George Nelson Thompson, Donald E. Wagner, and J. Benner Weaver be added to the roll of Synod.

2. We recommend that Synod receive with a rising vote the applications of English Lutheran Church in Los Angeles, the Altadena Lutheran Church of Altadena, and the Faith Lutheran Church of Long Beach.

3. The Licensure of Robert Wheatley.

4. The ordination of Frederick K. Wentz.

5. The ordination of pastors upon the approval of the Examining Committee of Synod of the men who shall accept calls to the mission fields of Synod during the interim between Conventions of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ERWIN A. VOSSELER, Secretary.

It was moved that Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 be referred to the Examining Committee.

Recommendation 2

a. Moved that English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles be received.

b. Moved that Altadena Lutheran Church be received, subject to submission of their constitution with Constitution Committee and Archivist.

c. Moved that Faith Lutheran Church, Long Beach, be received subject to submission of their constitution with the Constitution Committee and Archivist.

Pastors and delegates of the three above churches were introduced in this connection.

Recommendation 5 was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted in conformity with action as stated above.

The Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Secretary, presented the supplementary report of the Executive Committee of the

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR 1945-46

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

President's salary	$4,000.00
President's pension	80.00
President's expense allowance	1,500.00
Secretary's salary	100.00
Treasurer's salary	100.00
Statistician's salary	25.00
Expense, meetings of Executive and Home Mission Committees	500.00
Executive Committee Operating fund	750.00
Expenses, Other committees	50.00
Stationery, postage, printing	150.00

Publishing Golden State Lutheran (net)	350.00	
Travel expense, Synodical convention	750.00	
Other convention expense	75.00	
Printing Minutes of Synod (net)	400.00	
Yosemite National Park Church	75.00	
Sequoia National Park Church	50.00	
Ministerial Education	500.00	
California Lutheran Camp	100.00	
Per diem allowance, U.L.C.A. delegates (reserve)	160.00	
Total Synodical budget		$ 9,715.00
California Home Missions		3,000.00
Midland College		5,400.00
United Lutheran Church apportionment		18,815.00
		$36,930.00

Apportionment rate of $4.85 will yield $37,408.05 on 7,713 communicant members.

Suggested percentages for distribution will yield sufficient funds to each cause.

Synodical Treasury	12%
President's Office fund	15%
U.L.C.A. Apportionment	50%
Midland College	15%
California Home Mission	8%

The report was adopted.

It was moved that the Synod of California enter the contributory pension plan for the full-time President of the California Synod.

Motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be authorized to sell the Sierra Madre property.

The Rev. Carl Miller presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

Your committee is pleased to report its conviction that the minutes of the Fifty-third Annual Convention of Synod have been accurately and appropriately recorded.

We would respectfully suggest, however, that Synod assist its secretary to include in this year's minutes more detailed information regarding the brethren who may be serving the nation as chaplains.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. MILLER.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Daniel J. Snyder, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

A survey of the Women's Organizations of our California Synod shows that every department has made decided gains over previous records, in spite of the many disadvantages that must be overcome because of this consuming war, in which we find ourselves. Our survey reveals the following:

1. That there are only a few of our churches that have not organized women for work.

2. That more than one-half of our congregations have societies that have combined interests into THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH.

3. That two congregations have made this change this past year; and that there is a very definite tendency in this direction among many others.

4. That the progress is shown by the facts that Five Societies have been added to the roll of the Women of the Church this past year; that many members have been added to the different societies and the totals of finances have changed from $8,878.81, in 1944, to $12,776.46, in 1945; and that they are about double what they were in 1943.

We commend the women for their devotion to the church and for their many deeds of love by which the Gospel is made to live in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL J. SNYDER, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Orval Awerkamp presented the

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL BOARD

The war's end in view, there is a renewed emphasis on the work of the Sunday School work. With the return of thousands of young people to their homes and churches, certainly the church wants to be ready to meet the demands laid upon it. There will be a moral call for all to rethink and revitalize their programs.

To help meet this need, the Parish and Church School Board has offered a number of booklets to aid in our thinking. "Youth Work in the Sunday School," "Improving the Catechetical Program" and new youth material for camps and summer schools on "Be Christian" are now available.

The Synod was favored with the visit of Dr. E. Rudisill during the year meeting with various groups throughout the state directing our thinking along the lines of Adult Education, in relationship to the home. It was under the direction of the Board that a series of Conference meetings were held which included three specialists qualified to present and to enlighten us with regard to the new Christian Growth Series Sunday School materials. Its direction was under Rev. E. S. Spees. The new Christian Growth Series was, in the majority of cases, enthusiastically received. Its attraction and improvements over the old series is striking.

It has been said recently that "Christians go to church, others make excuses." May we add—the uninformed make excuses. Intelligent Sunday School pupils insure future church members.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVAL AWERKAMP, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Harold Lorimer, advisor of Northern Conference, presented the

REPORT OF THE ADVISOR OF LUTHER LEAGUE FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT

The Luther Leagues of the Northern District have met adequately the responsibilities imposed upon them in these special days. Though their activity has been restrained somewhat by current restrictions in time and transportation, their spirit has been unhampered, and they have been able to contribute notably to the interests of the Kingdom in their respective churches.

The annual convention is the highlight of the year with us, as a District, and on October 7th and 8th, last, we were privileged to meet in St. John's Lutheran Church, Sacramento. A splendid representation of the Leagues was in attendance, and a great amount of enthusiasm was manifest. The attendance cup was given to First Church, Sacramento, for permanent keeping, their having won it most frequently during the years. The convention program, with the theme, "Faith is the Victory," was stimulating and helpful. Careful and clever preparation by the host League and its pastor, the Rev. Robert Romeis, was effective in making the event a distinct success. The 1945 Convention will be held at Grace Church, San Jose.

Plans are now going forward for the annual Spring Rally. The District has accepted the invitation of the League of St. Matthews, San Francisco, the Rev. Herman Lucas, pastor. The dates set are June 2nd and 3rd. Several Leagues are planning special "pep fests" for the month of May whereby to create enthusiasm and inspiration for these rally sessions.

Last summer quite a number of Leaguers from the Bay Area attended the Lutheran Youth Bible Conference at Mt. Herman. These were greatly benefited by the experience, and there were many favorable comments. There is an interest among the young people in that sort of thing, and it ought to be cultivated. It is recommended therefore that encouragement be given to more general attendance at this Conference or at a similar one next summer. The hope of many is also here expressed that one day soon a Lutheran Summer Camp may be established and be made available to the youth of our churches in the Northern District.

The present officers are: President, Miss Annita Buderer, St. John's, Sacramento; Vice-President, Miss Marion Gjerde, Grace, Richmond; Secretary, Miss Harriet Denton, St. John's, Sacramento; Treasurer, Miss Janice Nelson, Grace, Richmond. The District Paper, "The Microphone," is being published regularly and is in charge of the League of First Church, Oakland.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. LORIMER, Advisor.

The Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter, advisor of Southern Conference, presented

REPORT OF THE ADVISOR OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT

We are happy indeed to report that Luther League activity in the Southern Conference of the California Synod is definitely on the increase. In spite of the fact that most of our young men have been called into the service of our country, most of our Luther Leagues are putting forth every effort in their determination to have as active a synodical League program as possible awaiting our servicemen on their return.

During the past year, a number of inspiring rallies and conventions, some including a few neighboring churches and others conference-wide, have been held with an encouraging increase in attendance over past years. Quarterly conventions have been held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Inglewood; Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Beach; First Lutheran Church, Glendale; and Bethany Lutheran Church, Los Angeles.

During the past year, the Southern District Luther League has completed its quota for the $10,000 Library Endowment Fund for the two Motherhouses of our United Lutheran Church, and is now well on its way toward meeting its share of the current missionary objective of the National Luther League, namely, the raising of a $25,000 Anniversary Fund.

The Southern District Luther League wishes to express its appreciation to all of the pastors of Synod who are taking an increasingly active part in the support of and cooperation with Luther League activities. In view of the fact that the responsibilities of the Church of tomorrow will rest largely upon the shoulders of the youth of today, your committee recommends that each individual pastor and congregation support, cooperate with, and encourage Luther League activity to the greatest extent possible.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. KERSTETTER, Advisor.

The reports were adopted.

The Rev. E. A. Trabert, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

In view of the absence from the state of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions for several months, the active administration of this Committee was placed in the charge of Pastor Charles P. Smith.

In the report presented at the last Convention of the Synod it was indicated that the major project for 1944 would be to put into effect the Congregational Mission Study Plan as proposed by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church, using "Forth" as the basic text for the study. In view of the presence of the Rev. Arthur C. Knudten, for twenty-five years a missionary in Japan, in California, he was requested, at the suggestion of the Foreign Board, to undertake the work of conducting Schools of Missions throughout the Synod. We include his report to your Committee as a part of its report to the Synod.

Report on Schools of World Missions in the Synod of California

"In the summer of 1944 the projected program of Schools of Missions sponsored by the Board of Foreign Missions of the U.L.C.A. was initiated among the Churches of the Synod of California. A letter from President Beasom to all of the pastors of the Synod gave the annoucement and authorization for this projected work on the territory of the Synod. This was followed by a letter from Pastor Charles Smith, of the Synod's Committee on Foreign Missions,

annoucing a schedule that had already been accepted to that date by several of the Churches. The matter of arrangements was entirely voluntary with the several pastors, and no itinerary was set. The official completion of the work was set for Easter of 1945.

The detailed report of the various schools follows:

	Sessions	Persons Attending	Average
Gardena-Morningside	5	60	30
Glendale (Summer School)	5	28	15
San Francisco (St. Mark's-St. Matthews)	5	55	27
Hollywood	5	35	21
Alhambra	5	43	27
Pasadena-Altadena	5	45	28
Huntington Park	5	30	18
San Diego	3	60	38
North Hollywood	4	60	35
First Church, Los Angeles	4	30	17
Grace Church, Phoenix, Arizona	3	115	94
Santa Monica	3	45	32
San Bernardino-Riverside (Redlands invited)	3	45	25
St. Michael's Church, Berkeley	3	80	53
Fresno, First-St. Paul's (Danish, American Lutheran participating)	3	80	58
Sacramento, First-St. John's	3	60	38

A few other Churches had contemplated setting up this work, but due to conflicts in dates, arrangements were not completed. The interest on the part of all groups was splendid, and the periods of discussion and open forums gave evidence of thoughtful weighing of the problems of this wider work of the Church in relation to the home-church life—especially in the post-war years.

The Synod could well consider some form of follow-up technique to reach all Churches during the next biennium. A growing Church always reaches out.

As only about one-half of the congregations of the Synod have been able to conduct such schools, this work, which has been carried on so efficiently and successfully by Pastor Knudten should be continued and expanded during the coming year. Only an informed Church can realize the tremendous possibilities which lie before it.

From reports received it is believed that practically all of our congregations observed Foreign Mission Day during the Epiphany Season, and a number responded to the appeal for special funds. In answer to the 1944 appeal we are informed by the Board of Foreign Missions that $341.22 was contributed. According to the Treasurer of the Synod of California we are informed that to date there was received $244.34 from nine congregations.

A striking article in a secular national publication entitled, "The Church Was Already There," a glowing tribute was paid to the blessings which the Gospel of Christ had brought to the islands of the South Seas. Many of our men in the service, having come into personal contact with the results of missionary activity in distant places have become enthusiastic supporters of the Gospel as it advances into the distant places of the earth. Distant places? In these days of rapid communication and rapid transportation there are no longer distant places. The far off places of the earth are right at our own doors.

A greatly expanded activity in bringing Christ into the regions now involved in the war is demanded. Our own Board of Foreign Missions is wisely laying plans for this advance. At the present time there are a number awaiting transportation, and there are many others preparing themselves to go forth as soon as the way is opened. We are told that a surprisingly large number have offered themselves for this great work. The Church at home, the congregations of the Synod of California, if they are awake to the opportunity cannot withhold their gifts for this advancement. It must be. It must be now. That means we must give freely and largely to accomplish this task and enter into the opportunity which God has placed before us.

The request is made that Pastor Knudten be granted the privilege of speaking at the conclusion of this report, to be followed briefly by the Chairman o

the Committee as he permanently relinquishes this position which he has occupied for many years.

All expenses in which this Committee were involved are being borne by its members.

Respectfully submitted,

EARNEST A. TRABERT, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. A. M. Knudten spoke in connection with this report. The Rev. E. A. Trabert, D.D., for 26 years chairman of this committee, spoke feelingly of this cause dear to his heart. Synod expressed its gratitude for his services by a rising vote of thanks. Missionary Albert Alsop, soon to leave for Argentina, addressed the convention briefly.

The Rev. Arthur Alm presented the

REPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN CAMP

For several years the camp has been closed. Only occasional groups have been there. The camp committee met and discussed plans and dates for the opening of the California Lutheran Camp again this summer. The dates decided upon were Monday, July 16th, to Saturday, July 28th. As the camp will accommodate only about 45 it will be necessary to limit the registration.

The committee recommends for consideration by the proper authorities the construction of additional sleeping quarters to accommodate more young people.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. ALM, Chairman.

The Rev. Emmer Engberg of Messiah Lutheran Church, Pasadena, brought official greetings from the Augustana Conference. The Rev. C. E. Frisk of Christ Lutheran Church of Pasadena was introduced.

Sister Adele, Deaconess at St. Mark's, San Francisco, was presented to Synod by Wm. Capel, layman from St. Mark's. Sister Adele spoke of the need for many more consecrated women to enter the diaconate. The Rev. R. H. Gerberding, D.D., representative of the U.L.C.A., stressed the fact that the scholarship fund of $50,000 is a church wide anniversary appeal to the whole church. This matter was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Motion prevailed that in the ballotting for members of the Board of Managers for the Home for the Aged, the first two elected serve a term of three years, the next three for two years and the last three for one year.

Motion prevailed that the Resolutions Committee be instructed to forward to the Secretary of State, the Honorable Mr. E. R. Stettinius, a resolution of commendation and assurance of our prayers for their direction in a Christian view of a world order and in the establishment of a just and durable peace.

Motion prevailed that we meet in joint session with the Women's Missionary Convention at 4:30 p.m. in order to hear President Harry Truman address the United Nations Conference at San Francisco.

Session was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D.

FIFTH SESSION

Pasadena, California, April 25, 1945, 2:00 p.m.

On motion, the convention dispensed with roll call.

The Rev. W. A. Poovey, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Monterey Park, California, and District President of the American Lutheran Church, brought greetings.

The Rev. A. M. Anderson, Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church of Pasadena, brought greetings from the United Danish Lutheran Church.

Mr. J. F. Bowman presented two young men, James Eschenbrenner and James Youngquist, who plan to enter the ministry.

Minutes of the fourth session were read and adopted as corrected.

The Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Secretary, presented

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

During the year 1944-45, your Committee on Home Missions has held five regular meetings with the President of Synod as chairman and your presiden of the Southern Conference as secretary.

The field of Synod has been carefully studied at each session, especially the areas effected by the increase in population. Where the newcomers were temporary, the fields were left to the care of the National Lutheran Council's defense housing program. Where there was a permanent development, a study was made through personal visitation and canvass of the community.

When the results of the study proved encouraging, a request for survey and occupancy was made to the Regional Lutheran Home Mission Councils (N.L.C.) After this was granted, a request was made to the Board of American Missions for permission and assistance in surveying the fields. When these results proved, likewise, encouraging, the fields were occupied as quickly as possible through the assistance of the Board of American Missions.

It is to the Board of American Missions and the Staff members of the Board that we turn to express our sincere appreciation. Only through their advice, guidance, encouragement and financial assistance could the work be done. We are grateful to the Rev. Zenan M. Corbe, D.D., Executive Secretary of the Board, for the many hours of conference he gave to the President of Synod and for his arrangement for opportunities for the President of Synod to meet with the staff of the Board. Mr. Elwood L. Bowman, Divisional Secretary of Church Extension of the Board, has been of very real help in planning the purchase of property and the erection of buildings, as well as the financing of mission properties and parsonages; we are grateful to him.

Recommendations were made for appropriations to the missions of Synod by the Board of American Missions for salary aid for Mission pastors: Gardena St. John's $300.00; Inglewood, Holy Trinity $1,200.00; Oakland, St. John's, $400.00 Vallejo, St. Paul's, $1,200.00; Altadena, $900.00; San Mateo, St. Andrew's $900.00

The following fields were requested of the Regional Home Mission Councils and requests granted: Merced, Burbank, Culver City, Whittier, San Gabriel El Monte, and Sacramento in California; Phoenix and Tucson in Arizona.

Sacramento, Culver City and Phoenix have been occupied and Missionary Pastors are already working the fields. Whittier has been canvassed and Tucson is in the process of being canvassed now.

Congregations have been organized at Long Beach and Altadena. The Faith Lutheran Church of Long Beach, under the direction of the Rev. Paul Gerberding, was organized on January 7, 1945, and the Altadena Lutheran Church of Altadena was organized by the Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D., on June 25, 1944. Both missions are doing very well. At the former, a new church edifice is in the process of erection; at the latter a beautiful home and property has been purchased and the home transformed into a very usable chapel and church school building with adequate parsonage space.

Synod is greatly indebted to the Synodical Women Missionary Society for the assistance given to our missions. This year they have purchased the chairs for Faith Lutheran Church, Long Beach, and for the Altadena Lutheran Church, as well as a piano for our new mission in Culver City.

The following Board Missionaries are working on the territory of Synod: the Rev. Eldon R. Miller, assisting the President of Synod in organizing congregations; the Rev. George Alfred Spindt, Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara the Rev. Robert Hooker, the First Lutheran Church, San Francisco; the Rev Donald E. Wagner, Faith Lutheran Church, Long Beach; the Rev. Paul Keck St. Paul's Mission, Sacramento; the Rev. Donald E. Endter, new mission in Phoenix, and the Rev. Frederick K. Wentz, Culver City Mission.

The new mission pastors who have entered Synod during the year are the Rev. J. Benner Weaver, Holy Trinity, Inglewood; the Rev. Philip W. Bergstresser, St. John's, Oakland; the Rev. George N. Thompson, Altadena; the Rev E. Dale Click, St. Andrew's, San Mateo; and the Rev. J. Emory Ackerman St. John's, Gardena.

All of the mission pastors and Board missionaries are to be commended for their outstanding work; every mission has paid its benevolences 100% or more, and every mission which was not apportioned has contributed loyally

to the benevolences of the Church. The St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, of San Mateo, comes in for highest honors in Synod by paying 241.9% of its apportionment. The Culver City mission, as yet unorganized, has been sending 10% of its income to the benevolences of Synod.

In financing the mission properties of Synod, the Home Mission Committee of Synod has accepted a plan of underwriting the indebtedness of the mission congregations, now being organized, from the Board of American Missions. So far, the financing has been as follows: Faith, Long Beach, $8,200.00; Altadena, $10,500 and St. Paul's mission, Sacramento, $3,500. This makes a total of $22,200, which we have underwritten to date, with plans for more for Sacramento and the purchase of property and the erection of a building at San Mateo.

The Home Mission Committee has made a loan of $1,000.00 out of synodical mission funds to Faith Lutheran Church, of Long Beach, for the purchase of a lot upon which the present new building is being erected.

Several years ago, Grace Lutheran Church, Richmond, received $1,600.00 on a note which has been long outlawed. Over this period of time the loan had been forgotten both by Synod and the congregation. The Treasurer of Synod discovered the note and brought it to the attention of the Pastor, the Rev. Orval Awerkamp, with the result that the congregation raised the sum and made it as a contribution to the mission funds of Synod.

Special contribution of funds to assist the missions of Synod have been received from the First English Lutheran Church, of Los Angeles, and the First Lutheran Church, of Glendale. The First Lutheran Church, of San Diego, furnished the chapel at the Altadena Lutheran Church with altar, pulpit, baptismal font, altar rail and drapes. A number of congregations in the Northern Conference have assisted St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, of San Mateo. The First English Lutheran Church, of Los Angeles, furnished the chairs for Culver City.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That Synod in convention express its appreciation to the Board of American missions and the secretaries of the Board for their interest, vision, guidance, advice, and personal and financial assistance.

2. That we express to the Grace Lutheran Church, of Richmond, the gratitude of Synod for the contribution of $1,600.00 to the mission funds of Synod.

3. That we express our appreciation to the congregations who have assisted the missions of Synod.

4. That we express to Board Missionaries, the Rev. Milton J. Bieber, D.D., and the Rev. Paul Gerberding the appreciation of Synod for their faithful and fruitful work in organizing congregations in Synod.

5. That we express the appreciation of Synod to the Synodical Women's Missionary Society for the financial assistance given to the missions of Synod.

6. That Synod take under consideration the union of the Executive Committee and the Home Mission Committee of Synod into one Executive Board charged with the duties of both committees as they are now organized:

Respectfully submitted,

THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The first five recommendations were adopted in a body.

It was moved that the churches given salary aid be listed in the Home Missions Committee report.

It was moved to hear the Rev. Albert Alsop and the Rev. Donald Endter in connection with their missionary endeavors in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona.

Recommendation 6 was adopted.

The report, as amended, was accepted as a whole.

The Rev. J. Edward Oslund, Service Pastor of King George Hotel, San Francisco, introduced the Rev. Clarence Johnson, Service pastor of the Hollywood Service Center.

The Rev. J. Edward Oslund presented Miss Henrietta Lund from the Welfare Office of the National Lutheran Council, who addressed the convention.

The Rev. J. Edward Oslund presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MISSIONS

Through the efforts and sponsorship of your Committee, a pamphlet entitled "Lutherans Believe" was printed and distributed to the churches of the Synod. The reports received indicate that these pamphlets are making a real contribution to the program of Evangelism within our Synod. Additional copies of this pamphlet have been requested, and it is hoped that those who wish additional copies will make such wishes known so that a single order may be placed for the reprints.

During the past year Welfare Councils have been organized in both northern and southern areas of our Synod. It is hoped that each of our churches in these respective areas will lend every possible support, that these Councils may effect a real work in the field of Christian social service.

Again we call attention to the current Lutheran World Action appeal. Dr. Long and Dr. Bersell of the National Lutheran Council have just returned from a trip to Europe and have brought back challenging reports of the necessity for work in those areas. The work that is being done by the Commission on American Missions in our defense areas has exceeded our fondest hopes. This program is facing perhaps its most severe test as a demobilization of defense industries becomes more imminent. The Service Commission will continue in operation throughout the period of demobilization of the Armed Forces, hoping thereby to make a worthwhile Christian contribution to the solution of the problems of the returning service man. These expanded activities have necessitated an increase in the quota allotted Lutheran World Action. Your Committee urges that each Pastor continue the wholehearted cooperation that has characterized the Lutheran World Action appeals in the past.

Your Committee has on display the various types of literature offered by the United Lutheran Church in America. We invite your inspection and urge a more diligent and full use of these aids afforded us by the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. EDWARD OSLUND, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

A motion was made and passed that we go on record giving official recognition to Welfare Councils of Northern and Southern California urging cooperation and support of their constituents and that their reports be received at the conventions as information.

The Rev. Henry Irving Kohler, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SOCIAL MISSION SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Social Mission Society of the Southern Conference has the honor of parentage. Having sponsored the first Regional Welfare Conference in Southern California, Thursday, September 28, 1944, from which the Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California has come into being. The First Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, was host for the Regional Conference, with President George C. Hansler, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Dr. Clarence E. Krumbholz, New York, Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America, and Dr. John Edward Hoick, Chaplain of the California and Santa Monica Lutheran Hospitals, also local Welfare Secretaries and Staff members contributing to the inspirational program gave the Conference both national and state impetus.

With one hundred enrolled delegates and many visitors present the entire day was well worthwhile, concluding with a banquet served by the Women's Auxiliary of the California Lutheran Hospital Society, headed by Mrs. Charles S. Izenour, President, and Dr. David D. Eitzen, psychologist and professor of the University of Southern California, speaker, sounding a high note on "Mental Health in a Post-War World."

As a result of the Conference, a Committee of Lutheran branches, excepting the Missouri Synod, were chosen, with Dr. Henry Irving Kohler, Regional Chair-

man, as Convener, for a subsequent meeting out of which has come the Southern California Welfare Council, Dr. James P. Beasom, Jr., President.

The annual meeting of the Social Mission Society was held jointly with the Los Angeles area Reformation Festival on Sunday, November 5, 1944, in the First Lutheran Church, at 3:00 p.m., with Dr. Albert B. Schwertz as Liturgist and Dr. James Prince Beasom, Jr., Homilist. A fellowship tea followed, the women members of the Board of Managers were hostesses.

The Board of Managers re-elected the officers for the year: Dr. Henry Irving Kohler, President; Mrs. Caroline Enders Young, Vice-President; Dr. Sylvanus H. Yerian, Treasurer; Mrs. Georgia Lowe Dickson, Secretary, and Mr. E. W. Augustine, Associate Secretary. Action was taken for the support of the Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California, pledging fifty per cent of the annual receipts for the year 1945.

The Treasurer reported $5,000 in the reserve fund, invested with the Coast Federal Loan Association, and $500.00 in the operating fund. The supporting membership at $1.00 or more paid membership dues numbers approximately one hundred and fifty.

In addition to welfare work the society furnishes "Light For Today" tracts used by the Chaplain in our hospitals.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY IRVING KOHLER.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Charles P. Smith presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC

The Committee on Church Music wishes to report the following activities since the committee was appointed at the last convention:

Two combined-choir choruses have been gathered together to sing on the occasion of the installation of President Beasom, and at this present convention. These choruses have been under the direction of the Rev. John B. Nield, Mus.D., Ph.D. The committee wishes to thank the pastors, choir directors, and singers of the various churches whose cooperation has made these joint efforts possible and successful.

The chairman of the committee has had the privilege of addressing the Southern Conference at its meeting at Hollywood Church, and the Los Angeles area ministers' association, on the Common Service, and the music of the Church's worship. He has also, at the invitation of the pastors concerned, met with the choirs of Grace Church, Alhambra; Trinity Church, Pasadena, and First Church, San Diego; he also delivered an address on the Common Service in the English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles.

One meeting of the committee was held in connection with the installation of the president.

The following recommendations are suggested:

I. We call the attention of pastors to the fact that Cantate Sunday, the 4th Sunday after Easter, has been officially designated as Church Music Sunday by the U.L.C.A. We suggest that some attempt be made on this day to recognize the importance of the music and musicians of our churches.

II. We recommend that a select choral group be formed in each conference to perform the great music of the church, in order to set a high standard for our congregations.

III. We recommend that a Synodical library of music be formed, to provide a source from which choirs and organists may draw. The rules for borrowing from the same shall be set by the committee.

IV. We recommend that seminars for pastors and other interested persons be held in both conferences during the late summer or fall for the practical study of the music and worship of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. SMITH.

The report was considered seriatim:

Items I, II, III, and IV were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

Mr. Wm. Bening, President of Lutheran Brotherhood, presented the

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

At a meeting of the Laymen Brotherhood of this Synod on April 25, 1944, the following resolutions were adopted and action taken:

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Synodical Brotherhood be expanded.
2. That officers of Synod be asked to encourage the formation of new brotherhoods and the strengthening of those in existence.
3. That Synod be asked to set aside one session of Synod in order that the State Brotherhood may hold a regularly constituted session during which time the officers and delegates of the State body can make their report and transact their business.
4. That objectives of the State Brotherhood shall include a program to encourage the interest of young men in following the ministry and the establishment of a fund to be used in giving them financial aid, as well as to actively participate in the promotion of the Laymen's movement in the church.

A vote of confidence was given the officers of the past year, and by unanimous vote were re-elected for another term. They are as follows:

President.....W. F. Bening
Vice-President.....Howard Weisman
Secretary.....Clarence Derr
Treasurer.....Garnett Greive

With the unanimous approval of those present at this meeting, the President appointed the following to act as Executive Committee members with the officers: L. W. Varblow, F. J. Bowman, and Warren E. Raymond.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BENING, President,
California Lutheran Brotherhood.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Clifford Holand presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD MEETING

Students for whom supplementary aid was rendered for the last year were: Elvin F. Hanson of Western Theological Seminary, and George Spindt of Northwestern Seminary. Students to whom a railroad fare was reimbursed were: George Spindt of Northwestern Seminary, Elvin Hanson of Western Theological Seminary, Theodore Yundquist of Western Theological Seminary, William Bowman of Midland College, and E. Gene Vosseler of Midland College.

Your committee met at First Church in Los Angeles in connection with the gatherings at the time of the installation of Dr. Beasom as the first full-time President of the Synod.

On February 22, a communication was sent to all the Pastors of the Synod from this committee. The communication suggested eleven ways whereby the Pastors could aid in securing students for the ministry.

A fair percentage of the Pastors responded to the February 22 communication and as a result of these replies, the chairman of this committee has written to twelve young people urging them to give consideration to full-time life service in the Church.

The committee is in the process of organizing and systematizing its work so that it may be carried out on definite lines following recognizing standards of procedure.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Pastors who have not yet done so, send the names and addresses of prospective students for the ministries and the diaconate to the committee as soon as possible.

2. That worthy students be given every possible aid, financially, and otherwise.

3. That a Sunday in the near future be designated as a special day on which the Pastors of Synod will exchange pulpits with their nearest neighbors and present the cause of full-time life service in order to present the cause of full-time life service in the Church.

4. That we strive for such a high standard for the ministry of our Synod, that prospective young men and young women of the highest caliber will see our good works and be drawn into full-time life service in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD B. HOLAND, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

By action of Synod your committee was directed to prepare the following amendments to the By-Laws of the Constitution:

ARTICLE VIII—Standing Committees (page 20), Section 1.

Amend line 4 after "Standing Committee" insert the following: "The Statistician and Archivist and the membership in the Examining Committee, etc., etc."

ARTICLE IX on Special Committees (page 23). By adding Section 9.

"Committee on Church Music and worship. The committee shall be charged with the responsibility of arranging for the formal services of the Synod, in consultation with the President.

"The committee shall foster a high standard in music and in the art of worship in the churches of Synod, and to that end provide an educational and inspirational program to be presented to the churches and pastors as opportunity affords.

"The committee shall consist of five members."

Respectfully submitted,

THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE,
J. GEORGE DORN, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

In this conection the motion prevailed to make provision for the office of Historian of Synod by adding Section 7 to Article VIII, said office to be appointive.

The Rev. Hessman, Pastor of the American Lutheran Church at Highland Park, was introduced to the convention.

The tellers reported the following elections:

Lay-member of the Executive Committee, Northern Conference: Wm. Capel, San Francisco.

Lay-member of the Executive Committee, Southern Conference: Fritz Noel, Glendale.

Trustee to Midland College: The Rev. Albert Schwertz, D.D., Los Angeles.

Treasurer of Synod: Wm. B. Scheehl, Oakland.

Archivist: The Rev. Albert Schwertz, D.D., Los Angeles.

Statistician: The Rev. Henry Scherer, Fresno.

Secretary: The Rev. Paul Wolpert.

Clerical member, Home Mission Committee, Northern Conference: The Rev. Robert S. Romeis.

Lay-member, Home Mission Committee, Southern Conference: Mr. F. J. Bowman.

Members to the Board of the Home for the Aged:

1946	1947	1948
F. C. Noel	Rev. H. P. Romeis	Rev. J. P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.
Wm. Capel	Wm. B. Scheehl	Rev. H. A. Anspach, D.D.
Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	F. J. Bowman	Rev. Edward Spirer

The Rev. R. H. Gerberding, D.D., official representative of the U.L.C.A., addressed the convention on matters pertaining to the various Boards of our U.L.C.A.

At this time recognition was given to the Nestor of Synod, the Rev. J. A. M Zeigler, D.D., who is approaching his 90th birthday. The convention sang c Happy Birthday Song in his honor. President Beasom extended the felicitations of Synod to him.

A recess was declared in order to convene jointly with the Women's Missionary Society to hear President Harry Truman address the United Nations Conference at San Francisco and to participate in the Memorial Service which followed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Pasadena, California, April 25, 1945, 5:00 p.m

Conducted by Dr. Herbert J. Weaver memorializing the Rev. William J Dentler who entered Life Eternal September 9, 1944.

In the absence of the Necrologist, William C. Crouser, the Rev. Edward J Hoick, D.D., read an account of Pastor Dentler's life and work, while Dr. H. J Weaver spoke fitting words of comfort and eternal life in tribute to his memory based on Galatians 5:22-23.

IN MEMORIAM

It is our painful duty to record the passing of one of our older members who in recent years has been in ill health.

The Rev. William J. Dentler died at his home in Redlands on September 9th, 1944, and was buried on September 11th from the First Lutheran Church in Redlands, the Rev. A. E. Isham officiating.

William J. Dentler was born at Turbotville, Pa., on July 18th, 1885. After being graduated from Susquehanna University he entered Hamma Divinity School, from which institution he was also graduated. Both he and Mrs. Dentler engaged in graduate study at the University of Glasgow for two years. His interest was Hebrew literature and history. Three summers were spent in research work at the British Museum in London. In all he made seven trips to Europe.

After a pastorate in Oxford, Ohio, he came to California in 1916 and served as pastor of the First Lutheran Church in Redlands. During the first World War, he was with the work of Near East Relief in the United States and later served with the Belgian and French Relief. In 1921 he was chosen Superintendent of Missions of the Southern Conference of the California Synod. During his term of office St. Luke's congregation of Huntington Park was gathered and organized.

THE ORDINATION SERVICE

Pasadena, California, April 25, 1945, 8:00 p.m.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. A. B. Schwertz, D.D., Liturgist.

Dr. R. H. Gerberding, President of the Synod of the Northwest and representative of the United Lutheran Church in America, preached the sermon on the subject, "Are You Ready?", based on the text, I Peter 3:15.

The combined choirs of the Los Angeles area, under the direction of Dr. John B. Nield, sang "Send Out Thy Light" by Gounod, and "God is a Spirit."

The Rev. Frederick K. Wentz, licentiate from Central Pennsylvania Synod, was ordained by the President of Synod, assisted by the Secretary, E. A. Vosseler, Vice-Presidents, H. Paul Romeis and Dr. Howard A. Anspach, Dr. H. I. Kohler, Dr. John B. Nield, and Dr. A. B. Schwertz. Also taking part in the laying on of hands were the Revs. Robert J. Marshall, Harold Lorimer, J. E. Ackerman, J. Benner Weaver, E. Dale Click, George Nelson Thompson, Eldon R. Miller, Robert Hooker, Don W. Endter, Paul Keck, George Alfred Spindt, Donald E. Wagner, Albert Alsop.

At the close of the Service a film on Lutheran World Action was shown.

SIXTH SESSION

Pasadena, California, April 26, 1945, 9:00 a.m.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. George N. Thompson on the First Article of the Creed.

The minutes of the fifth session were read and accepted as read.

Mr. Hoover of the American Bible Society addressed the convention on the work of this great institution. It was moved to endorse the War Emergency Program of the American Bible Society.

Wm. B. Scheehl presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

Your committee examined the claims and recommends allowance for the following:

Transportation allowance for Clergymen	$342.46	
Transportation allowance for Lay Delegates	197.76	
Total Travel Allowances		$540.22
Miscellaneous Claims		15.00
Grand Total of all claims allowed		$555.22

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE,
W. B. SCHEEHL, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. H. I. Kohler, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

In the absence of Chaplain Franklin A. Swanson, we your officers submit this report of the Church Extension Society of the Southern Conference:

The Society, an affiliate of the Synod, is status quo, with a reported balance in the treasury of approximately $400.00, and outstanding loans to congregations totaling a considerable amount, which in keeping with the original by-laws of the Society are receivable and should be used as a revolving fund for starting new mission work.

The officers holding over are Chaplain Franklin A. Swanson, President; Dr. Henry Irving Kohler, Vice-President; Mrs. Charles S. Izenour, Secretary, and Mr. R. A. Samulson, Treasurer.

We as the officers request the advice of the Synod and instruction of the Southern Conference relative to what should be done with this organization and the funds now held in trust.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY IRVING KOHLER.

The report was adopted.

A motion was made and carried that the officers of the Southern Conference become the officers of the Church Extension Society of Southern California and that all assets of the Extension Society be turned over to the Southern Conference.

REPORT OF NORTHERN CONFERENCE, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

The officers elected for the Northern Conference were:

President.....The Rev. H. Paul Romeis
Vice-President.....The Rev. Orval Awerkamp
Secretary.....The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert
Treasurer.....Mr. Thomas Howard

Respectfully submitted,

THE REV. PAUL H. WOLPERT.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

At the meeting of the Southern Conference, held in connection with the meeting of the Synod of California, April 25, 1945, the following were elected to office in the Southern Conference:

President.....The Rev. Howard Anspach, D.D.
Vice-President.....The Rev. Albert Schwertz, D.D.
Secretary.....The Rev. Charles P. Smith
Treasurer.....The Rev. Arthur Alm

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. SMITH,
Secretary, Southern Conference.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., presented the

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

With this session of Synod we have completed our third year as your Stewardship Committee Chairman. While we have operated more or less independently, yet we feel that the other members of the Committee will concur in our efforts to send forth our "Stewardship Sizzlings."

We were very happy last year when our churches met their benevolence over a hundred per cent for the first time. This year it has been done again. And again a first timer in having every church send in 100% or more. Congratulations to every pastor and congregation.

Praying God that we may be worthy of the record which has been ours.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ,
Chairman, Stewardship Committee.

The report was adopted.

MINISTERIUM

Pasadena, California, April 25, 1945, 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President.

The Rev. W. S. Dysinger, D.D., offered prayer.

The report of the Examining Committee was read by the Rev. A. C. Knudten, Secretary of the Committee.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

It was voted:

I. That the following men be received and their names be added to the roll of Synod:

Rev. Robert J. Marshall	Rev. Ross Hidy	Rev. P. Bergstresser
Rev. J. E. Ackerman	Rev. Harold Lorimer	Rev. E. Dale Click
Rev. George N. Thompson	Rev. J. Bener Weaver	Rev. D. W. Endter
Rev. Eldon R. Miller	Rev. Robert Hooker	Rev. D. E. Wagner
Rev. Paul Keck	Rev. George Spindt	

II. That Frederick K. Wentz, under call by the Board of American Missions, is recommended by the committee for ordination at this session of Synod.

III. That we recommend that the name of the Rev. Bruno Lederer, D.D., be placed on the roll of Synod subject to the receipt of papers of clearance or transfer from the Wartburg Synod.

IV. That we recommend that the Executive Committee empower President Beasom to commission the Rev. Wm. A. Everest, D.D., to perform such special tasks as he may direct for a period of one year and during this time he follow special studies as recommended by the Examining Committee.

V. That the name of the Rev. Albert L. Grosclose be entered on the roll of Synod, conditioned on the receipt of transfer from the Kansas Synod, in accordance with Constitution Article Seven, Section Three, Paragraph Four.

VI. That we recommend that when the Rev. F. W. Heinecken secures his letter of recommendation and dismissal from his former body that his name be placed on the roll of Synod.

VII. That the licensure of Mr. Robert Wheatley be extended for a period of one year.

VIII. That it is further our recommendation that since the Constitution does not permit us to give ad interim licensure, we discontinue the practice.

Respecfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, Chairman
A. T. KNUDTEN, Secretary
J. E. HOICK
GEORGE DORN
HENRY IRVING KOHLER
EDWARD N. SPIRER
EDWARD OSLUND

The report was considered seriatim.

Item I was adopted.
Item II was adopted.
Item III was adopted.
Item IV was adopted.
Item V was adopted.
Item VI was adopted.
Item VII was adopted.
Item VIII Substitute.

It was voted that the Examining Committee be instructed to study the plan for Lay Readers and report to Synod.

The report was adopted as a whole.

It was recommended by the Executive Committee that the date of Convention be changed, changing Article 2, Section 1, of the By-Laws to read: "During the week on which the first day of February occurs." The recommendation was approved.

The Rev. A. B. Schwertz, D.D., served notice of the amendment to the Constitution to be voted on at the next convention, proposing the following recommendations of the mergering of the Home Missions and Executive Committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MERGER OF HOME MISSIONS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Inasmuch as the major portion of our Executive Committee's problems and actions concern Home Mission affairs;

And whereas there is a valuable loss of time due to the duplication of the work of the two committees;

And whereas efficiency can be increased to care for the ever-increasing number of items coming before these two committees

BE IT RESOLVED that the Home Mission Committee and the Executive Committee be merged.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the membership of this merged committee be composed of the seven elected officers and four lay members at large.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two of the four lay members at large be elected on alternate years.

(Signed) ARTHUR W. ALM
H. A. WEISMAN
E. A. VOSSELER
H. A. ANSPACH
H. PAUL ROMEIS
ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ

The motion was made and carried that it be referred to the Committee on Constitution.

The Rev. Paul Wolpert presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your Resolutions Committee offers the following resolutions:

1. Resolved that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and Arizona, comprising scores of congregations scattered throughout the Southwest, extends to Secretary Stettinius, and the United States representative, and the members of the Peace Conference assembled in San Francisco, the assurance of our sincere and heartfelt prayers to the Almighty Sovereign of the universe for Divine guidance and blessing; to the end that the sovereign sway and will of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords may be realized in this war-torn world.

2. We deeply appreciate the kind hospitality extended to us by the pastor and members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, in offering their church for the use of this convention and we recommend that this body express its gratitude by a standing vote and that this resolution be presented to the congregation at a public service.

3. We recommend that this body also express its gratitude to the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce for supplying convention badges and to the newspapers of Pasadena for the publicity given to this convention.

4. We recommend that this body express its sincere thanks to Dr. R. H. Gerberding, President of the Synod of the Northwest, and to Dr. W. P. Hieronymus, acting President of Midland College, and the official representative of the U.L.C.A., for their inspiring messages to this convention.

5. We recommend further that this body express its gratitude to Dr. John B. Nield and to the various choirs of the Los Angeles area and the organist who presented such inspiring choral numbers for this convention.

6. Whereas the Rev. William J. Dentler, a faithful servant of this Synod for many years, has been removed from the church of earth to the heavenly kingdom, we hereby express our great sense of loss and invoke the blessing of heavenly comfort on those near and dear to him.

7. Resolved that we express our gratitude to Almighty God for the spiritual and material advancement which has been attained with His blessing throughout the past year.

8. In recognition of the splendid service of the Rev. E. A. Vosseler, the secretary of Synod, be it resolved that this body express its sincere thanks to him.

Respectfully submitted,

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE,
PAUL WOLPERT, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. E. A. Trabert, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America held in Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., October 11-17, 1944, was attended by your elected delegates which included one alternate.

The theme of the Convention was "Be Christian" with the essential requirements, "Search the Scriptures; Live Helpfully; Win Others." The spirit of Dr. William Alfred Passavant, the great pioneer, prophet and philanthropist of the Lutheran Church in America in its development on the territory occupied by the Synod of the Northwest, brooded over the Convention.

This Convention marked a turning point in the history of the Church. After 26 years of inspiring and efficient leadership the Rev. Frederick H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D., gives place to a new President in the person of the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., of Akron, Ohio. Other significant changes in officers were also effected. The new treasurer, successor to the late E. Clarence Miller, LL.D., the only treasurer since the formation of the United Lutheran Church, appeared for the first time before the Convention. He is Mr. Henry Beisler, previously appointed by the Executive Board of the Church, now elected by the Church itself to this office.

The financial system of the Church was changed by the creation of the office of "Comptroller." The office of Stewardship Secretary was also created, and has since been filled by the acceptance of Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton of

the call to undertake this work. He is also the new Executive Secretary of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement. The editorship of the Lutheran is to be changed from that of the Rev. Nathan R. Melhorn, D.D., who has served in this capacity for 25 years, to that of the Rev. G. Elson Ruff, D.D., at present on the editorial staff.

The United Lutheran Church authorized the organization of a United Lutheran Church in Canada by the Synods occupying that territory. Other changes effected were authorization for the Board of Foreign Missions to remove its headquarters from Baltimore to the Church House in New York City. The new Constitution of the National Lutheran Council, which had previously been adopted by all cooperating bodies of the Lutheran Church, was adopted making the Council a real agency of cooperation between two-thirds of the Lutherans of the country. The National Lutheran Council was authorized to take over the work amongst University Students, and may assume responsibility for all missionary work in South America. The Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church was charged with the administration and promotion of Boy Scout work in our congregations. The office of the Secretary is to be enlarged by the addition of an agency on Personnel.

Most significant in its practical effect upon our churches is the increase of the budget of the Church from $2,000,000 to $2,500,000. In the apportionment to the Synods the first amount appears on the regular apportionment and the $500,000 additional is apportioned as a separate item.

New developments reported are the fact that the new Contributory Pension Plan is now under operation, and that the new series of Sunday School lessons prepared jointly by our Board of Education in cooperation with similar Board of the American Lutheran Church and the Augustana Synod are now available.

THE DELEGATES TO THE U.L.C.A.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Robert Kerstetter, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Indeed, God is leading us forward. This year's President's report evidences marvelous accomplishments in every area of our Synodical activity, and much of the credit is in no small part due to the untiring efforts and selfless service of our genial President of Synod. Under his consecrated leadership, we are confident that our Heavenly Father will bless our California Synod with even greater accomplishments in the future.

Your Committee also respectfully recommends that the rank and branch of service of our Chaplains be added to the report as follows:

Com. D. Edward Wright, U.S.N.R.
Lt. Com. Clarence F. Crouser, U.S.N.R.
Capt. Erwin T. May, U.S.A.
Major Delmar L. Dyreson, U.S.A.
Capt. Henry W. Opperman, U.S.A.
Lt. (j.g.) Franklin A. Swanson, U.S.N.R.
Lt. Lawrence C. Vosseler, U.S.N.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Excuses was presented by the Rev. Arthur Alm. It was moved and adopted that 11 aged and retired pastors be excused.

Announcement made that Presidential citation and Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded to Chaplain Henry Opperman for bravery while under fire.

The place of the next meeting was left to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Motion prevailed that the California Synod invite U.L.C.A. Convention to meet in San Francisco in 1950.

At the close of the service the newly elected officers of Synod were inducted into office.

Synod closed with the prescribed form of closing of Synods.

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR., President.
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the minutes of the Fifty-fourth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, California, April 23, 24, 25, 26, 1945.

ERWIN A. VOSSELER, Secretary.

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — NORTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1945

Apportionment rate $4.85 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Alcatraz and Benvenue	200	$ 81.00	$ 972.00
Fresno	First	630 Ferger Ave.	225	91.00	1,092.00
Fresno	St. Paul's	California and Lotus	130	53.00	636.00
Fresno	Wartburg	561 D Street	36	15.00	180.00
Oakland	First	Grove and Sixteenth	218	88.00	1,056.00
Oakland	St. John's	55th and Edgerly	74	30.00	360.00
Richmond	Grace	Barrett and 13th	234	95.00	1,140.00
Sacramento	First English	4th and 39th	202	82.00	984.00
Sacramento	St. John's	1701 L St.	368	149.00	1,788.00
San Francisco	First English	1357 Geary St.	50	20.00	240.00
San Francisco	St. Mark's	1135 O'Farrell St.	345	139.00	1,668.00
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	4281 16th St.	110	44.00	528.00
San Francisco	Temple	15 Latona St.	68	26.00	312.00
Sanger	St. Paul's	1122 N St.	24	10.00	120.00
San Jose	Grace	Julian and 2nd	95	38.00	456.00
San Mateo	St. Andrew's	Masonic Hall	60	24.00	288.00
Vallejo	St. Paul's	1309 Tuolumne	62	25.00	300.00
TOTALS FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA			2,501	$1,010.00	$12,120.00

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning July 1, 1945

Apportionment rate $4.85 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Alhambra	Grace	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	181	$ 73.00	$ 876.00
Altadena	Altadena	W. Foothill Blvd.	35	14.00	168.00
Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	100 N. Doheny Dr.	204	82.00	984.00
Gardena	St. John's	1102 W. 163rd St.	87	35.00	420.00
Glendale	First	233 S. Kenwood St.	578	234.00	2,808.00
Hollywood	Hollywood	1733 N. New Hampshire	513	207.00	2,484.00
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	2721 E. Florence	279	113.00	1,356.00
Inglewood	Holy Trinity	85th and Crenshaw	176	71.00	852.00
Long Beach	Faith	Santa Fe Ave.	40	16.00	192.00
Long Beach	Trinity	8th and Linden	268	108.00	1,296.00
Los Angeles	Bethany	7011 S. San Pedro	167	67.00	804.00
Los Angeles	First English	3119 W. 6th	387	156.00	1,872.00
Los Angeles	~~English~~	1329 S. Alvarado	142	57.00	684.00
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1122 W. 36th Pl.	136	55.00	660.00
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	3010 Eagle St.	41	17.00	204.00
No. Hollywood	St. Matthew's	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	250	101.00	1,212.00
Pasadena	Trinity	997 E. Walnut	308	124.00	1,488.00
Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	1124 N. 3rd St.	588	238.00	2,856.00
Redlands	First	E. Olive at Myrtle	82	33.00	396.00
Riverside	Trinity	3911 Walnut	69	28.00	336.00
San Bernardino	First	631 6th St.	113	46.00	552.00
San Diego	First	1320 2nd Ave.	275	111.00	1,332.00
Santa Barbara	Grace	1109 Anacapa St.	50	20.00	240.00
Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Lincoln and Washington	219	89.00	1,068.00
Westwood	Village	1500 S. Sepulveda	64	26.00	312.00
TOTALS OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE			5,252	$2,121.00	$25,452.00
TOTALS OF BOTH CONFERENCES			7,753	$3,131.00	$37,572.00

2.	Fresno	First	1917	630 Ferger Ave.	Fresno	★
3.	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	2112 Lotus Ave.	Fresno	★
4	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	561 D. St.	Fresno	★
5.	Oakland	First	1890	659 16th St.	Alameda	★
6.	Oakland	St. John's	1921	55th Ave. and Edgerly St.	Alameda	★
7.	Richmond	Grace	1924	Barrett and 13th	Contra Costa	★
8	Sacramento	First English	1890	2910 39th St.	Sacramento	★
9.	Sacramento	St. John's	1867	1701 L. St.	Sacramento	★
10	San Francisco	First English	1886	YMCA 220 Golden Gate Ave.	San Francisco	★
11.	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell St.	San Francisco	★
12.	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1895	3281 16th St.	San Francisco	★
13.	San Francisco	Temple	1917	15 Latona St.	San Francisco	★
14	Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1122 N. St.	Fresno	●
15	San Jose	Grace	1892	59 E. Julian St.	Santa Clara	▲
*16.	San Mateo	St. Andrew's	1944	100 N. Ellsworth Ave.	San Mateo	▲
17.	Vallejo	St. Paul's	1943	1309 Tuolumne St.	Solano	▲
	1944 Totals	Congregations, 17				
	1943 Totals	Congregations, 16				
	Increase					
	Decrease					

18.	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	Los Angeles	▲
*19.	Altadena	Altadena	1944	197 W. Foothill Blvd.	Los Angeles	■
20.	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive	Los Angeles	▲
21	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 W. 163rd St.	Los Angeles	■
22.	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St.	Los Angeles	▲
23.	Hollywood	Hollywood	1921	1733 N. New Hampshire Ave.	Los Angeles	★
24	Huntington Park	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave.	Los Angeles	▲
25.	Inglewood	Holy Trinity	1941	8406 S. Crenshaw Drive	Los Angeles	▲
26	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	8th St. and Linden Ave.	Los Angeles	★
27.	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro St.	Los Angeles	★
*28	Los Angeles	English Lutheran	1877	1329 S. Alvarado St.	Los Angeles	★
29.	Los Angeles	First English	1887	3119 W. 6th St.	Los Angeles	★
30.	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place	Los Angeles	★
31.	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1914	3010 Eagle St.	Los Angeles	★
32.	North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	Los Angeles	▲
33.	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	997 E. Walnut St.	Los Angeles	★
34.	Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	1914	1124 N. 3rd St.	Maricopa	★
35	Redlands	First	1901	E. Olive at Myrtle	San Bernardino	■
36.	Riverside	Trinity	1894	9th and Walnut	Riverside	▲
37	San Bernardino	First	1907	631 G. St.	San Bernardino	▲
38.	San Diego	First	1888	1320 Second Ave.	San Diego	★
39.	Santa Barbara	Grace	1904	1109 Anacapa St.	Santa Barbara	▲
40.	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	958 Lincoln Blvd.	Los Angeles	▲
41	Westwood	Village	1937	1500 S. Sepulveda Blvd.	Los Angeles	●
	1944 Totals	Congregations, 24				
	1943 Totals	Congregations, 22				
	Increase					
	Decrease					

		Geographical Loc. of Church Bldg.			
		★	▲	■	●
Northern Conference	Congregations, 17	10	6		1
Southern Conference	Congregations, 24	11	10	2	1
1944 Grand Totals	Congregations, 41	21	16	2	2
1943 Grand Totals	Congregations, 38	20	15	1	2
Increase	Congregations, 3	1	1	1	
Decrease					

New Congregations ★ Population 100,000 or over ▲ 25,000 to 99,999 ■ 10,000 to 24,999 ● 2,500

1.	1	11	75					
2.	1	20	167		26	2	16	9
3.	1	9	79					
4.	1	4	40					
5.	1	14	115		25			
6.	1	9	50		17			
7.	1	18	150					
8.	2	23	247		26	1	8	8
9.	1	20	93		26	1	7	3
10.	1	4	15					
11.	1	20	100		60			
12.	1	5	45					
13.	1	6	86					
14.	1	3	23					
15.	1	9	70		9			
16.	1	10	61	6	6			
17.	1	8	95		35			
1944	18	193	1511	6	230	4	31	20
1943	16	166	1253		191			
Inc.	2	27	258	6	39	4	31	20
Dec.								

18.	1	15	91		30	2	2	5
19.	1	9	80		11			
20.	1	14	143		22			
21.	1	13	117		10			
22.	1	41	427	52	60	1	20	17
23.	1	34	350	12	60	1	2	6
24.	1	20	161	14	40	1	5	4
25.	1	12	140		44			
26.	1	20	142		20			
27.	1	12	175	10	50			
28.	1	10	125					
29.	1	25	133		30			
30.	1	12	86		7			
31.	1	3	24					
32.	1	25	225		57			
33.	1	22	189		43	1	7	6
34.	1	44	350	10	68			
35.	1	14	53					
36.	1	2	4					
37.	1	14	90	15				
38.	1	18	115	23	75			
39.	1	3	14					
40.	1	19	198					
41.	1	5	40					
1944	23	406	3472	121	642	6	36	38
1943	22	373	3154	146	443	7	45	30
Inc.	1	33	318		199			2
Dec.				25		1	9	

N. Conf.	18	193	1511	6	230	4	31	20
S. Conf.	23	406	3472	121	642	6	36	3
1944	41	599	4983	127	972	10	67	5
1943	38	539	4407	146	634	7	45	3
Inc.	3	60	576		338	3	22	2
Dec.				19				

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of the

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Held in

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997 East Walnut Street

Pasadena, California

The REV. HOWARD A. ANSPACH, D.D., Pastor

APRIL 23, 24, 25, 1945

"The Master is come and calleth for Thee"—John 11:28

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Pasadena, California, April 23-25, 1945

Theme: "THE MASTER CALLETH FOR THEE"

Subject: DISCIPLESHIP

April 23, 1945, 7:45 p.m.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at a combined service of the Synod of California and the Women's Missionary Society. The sermon was preached by the Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., president of Synod.

FIRST SESSION

April 24, 1945, 9:30 a.m.

The fifty-third annual convention was opened with prayer by the president, Mrs. James P. Beasom, Jr.

The hymn "Beautiful Saviour" was followed with the prescribed opening service for missionary conventions conducted by the president.

The devotional period was led by Mrs. D. R. Huber, speaking on "Self-denial" as the first cost of discipleship.

A solo, "Oh, Master Let Me Walk With Thee," by Ambrose, was sung by Mrs. Florence Goyette.

Due to the incompleteness of registrations, the report of the credentials committee was postponed until the afternoon session.

Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz, chairman of the program committee, presented the program. A motion prevailed that the program with the minor changes as presented, become the order of procedure for the convention.

The president appointed the following committees:

President's Report—Mrs. E. C. Bentz, Mrs. Dale Click, Mrs. Hooker, Mrs. Carlton York Smith.

Nominations—Mrs. L. W. Varblow, Mrs. F. J. Bowman, Mrs. Wm. Capel, Mrs. Caroline Enders Young.

Claims—Miss Grace Smith, Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. W. M. Hanson.

Registration—Mrs. K. Sketch, Mr. A. J. Spindt.

Convention Pianist—Mrs. Charles Smith.

Pages—Mrs. Waldo Bair, Mrs. R. C. Klein.

Mrs. A. J. Spindt, president of the Women's Missionary Society of Trinity, Pasadena, welcomed the members of the convention as friends, sisters, co-workers, and fellow Christians.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. O. A. Sardeson, president of the Women's Missionary Society of U.L.C.A., was read by the secretary.

Greetings from sister organizations were brought by Mrs. Tollefson for the American Lutheran Federation, and Mrs. Ellman for the California Conference of the Augustana Synod.

The wives of new pastors, Sister Adele, deaconess from the Baltimore Motherhouse and visiting missionaries were introduced by the president.

The president presented her report. A motion prevailed that the report be referred to the committee on president's report.

Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl presented the treasurer's report. A motion prevailed that the report with the audit be accepted and filed.

The statistician, Mrs. Kenneth Sketch, presented her report. A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

An interesting description of the archives was given by Mrs. J. E. Hoick, archivist. A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

Miss June Sederstrom, secretary for Lutheran Students Associates, spoke concerning her work.

An address on the Japanese Relocation Center at Manzanar was given by Miss Marion Potts, assistant principle of the high school and a returned missionary from Japan.

The convention hymn was sung.

The offering, $46.88, was received and consecrated by Mrs. Huber.

The session closed with the prayer minute by Sister Adele.

SECOND SESSION

April 24, 1945, 1:30 p.m.

The session opened with the convention collect prayed in unison.

Hymn, "Oh, Master Let Me Walk With Thee" was sung.

The devotional period, led by Miss Marion Potts, dealt with the second step in disicpleship—"Burden Bearing."

A solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," was sung by Mrs. Homer K. Morgan.

The offering, $41.46, was received and consecrated by Miss Potts.

The credential committee reported registration of 36 societies, 14 officers and secretaries, 91 delegates, 77 visitors, total—182.

The minutes of the morning session were read and accepted as corrected.

Mrs. Carlton York Smith presented the Honor Roll and Superior Merit Societies.

Presidents of new societies and all pastors wives were presented by the president.

The report of the Northern Conference was given by Mrs. L. W. Varblow, president.

A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

The report of the Southern Conference was given by Mrs. Charles S. Izenour, president.

A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

Mrs. Georgia Dickson led the convention in the singing of a Chinese marching song, "Unafraid." Mrs. Cordelia Taylor was the accompanist.

The work of the Social Mission Society of Southern California was presented by Mrs. Georgia Dickson.

The president urged the purchase of literature.

Miss Potts spoke briefly concerning attitudes towards returning Japanese.

Sister Adele presented the deaconess work, making a plea for more trained women workers, and emphasizing the Baltimore Motherhouse 50th anniversary scholarship fund.

Mrs. Harry Hahn conducted an impressive candlelight Life Membership and In Memoriam shower. Sixty-four life memberships and five In Memoriams were received.

Dr. James P. Beasom, Jr., president of Synod, gave a stirring and challenging address on opportunities for missionary work in California, Arizona and Nevada.

The session closed with the prayer minute by Miss Marion Potts.

The evening offering, $76.77, was given for the work of the Women's Missionary Society in California.

2. This brings us to our local work. No missionary society deserves its name that does not do missionary work at home. This does not only mean winning souls for Christ, but also means winning missionary women for our missionary society. Stones are rolled away only as the force increases.

We are happy to note the increases of the past twelve months. We now have 1,370 members in 56 societies. This means that almost every society has had increases in membership and that the number of societies has grown.

Five new societies are to be welcomed at this convention: The Women of the Church of the Altadena Lutheran Church; the Missionary Society of the St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, of San Mateo; the Missionary Society of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Los Angeles; the Missionary Society of the English Lutheran Church, of Los Angeles; and the Missionary Guild, Village Church, Westwood. We are delighted to have these fine women unite with our fellowship of service.

3. Ours is a world task, as we stated before. It is accomplished only as we are an informed society. We must study and teach, then teach and study. We must spread the Word, and we shall then spread the work.

We may be encouraged by the increases in all of the departments of our society, but these are not enough. They are a good start, but not good enough for a finish. We may use a few examples: Our Thank Offering has now passed the $3,000.00 mark. Life memberships show an increase of $575.00. There has been a total increase of almost $4,000.00. The Statistical report will give all of these in detail.

Let us inform our members and our congregations of our missionary opportunities. If they understand the needs, we will not lack the funds. They will give. Let us not be afraid to give them the challenge. If the Christian Church does not challenge them something else will. Ours is a mighty mission, we must go at it with might.

4. Full-time workers must carry on for us on mission fields. They are our arms and feet and voices. They carry out the great command for us. They go to the whole world for us. But they must be recruited and educated and sent out.

It was this challenging work that was set as our Triennial Objective. We were to recruit twelve young women, educate them and send them out. Eight of them have already been recruited, but we need the other four. Maybe there are some in your congregation. Will you ask? These eight have already started their training, but all of the funds for their program are not available. Some have not felt the urge to do this splendid thing. Will you not place it before each woman of your local society and see that each one understands what we are trying to do. I am sure that everyone will then want to have a part, and we will not only meet our quota, but will far exceed it.

5. Nothing is ever accomplished in our work without the help of our Lord. He is with us always. To Him we give all of the thanks and the praise and the glory and the honor. But let us be sure that He has an opportunity to talk with us. Let us all be Bible-reading women, Bible-believing women, Bible-serving women. Let us be sure that we are taking time to talk with Him. Let us be a praying society. Let us be praying missionary women. Let us pray and pray and pray.

We could not talk with God or hear Him talk to us without feeling the magnitude of His kingdom. All of the petty would soon fade away. We would forgive one another's mistakes and ask God to forgive us. We would be ready to do big things for Him.

There are loyalties that we have for one another, for the societies of which we are a part, or for the leaders that we have, but all of these are worthless if we are not loyal to Christ. We are not trying to build just to build, or to increase just to increase, or to raise funds just to raise junds. Ours is a calling; we are in the vineyard of our Lord; we are doing His business; it shall last not for time but for eternity. In it all, let us give ourselves, our all.

These are our opportunities. They are ours now, but they will be even greater when the war comes to an end. As we carry on in faith, the stones will roll away, and we shall open our eyes on a happier day and a better world.

Your president has had many opportunities this past year to meet with

societies, and officers, and presidents, and pastors, and congregations, and pastor's wives, and pastor's families. Two trips have been made through Synod to the Northern Conference churches. Almost every area has been visited and most of the congregations touched either in a meeting or private conversation.

Many letters have been written to the presidents, secretaries, pastors, and others interested in missionary work. Several Executive Board meetings have been held both in the north and south. Conferences have been held with the treasurer on business matters and objectives. Hundreds of phone calls have been made in the interest of our work. Many speeches have been made in presenting the causes.

Your president has, likewise, represented the Synodical Society at many conferences. Most important of these was the Presidents' Conference of Synodical Missionary Presidents held in Philadelphia late in January. This was informative and inspirational, as well as business. Others have been the conferences of National Lutheran Council societies, the Social Missions Society of Southern California, the Welfare Conference, L.S.A.A. Board meetings, Interdenominational School of Missions, Council of Church Women Executive Board, etc.

Many articles have been written for magazines and newspapers. We have had a page or more for the first time in the Golden State Lutheran paid for by the Synodical Missionary Society.

As I look back over the year and review it for this report, it seems impossible that so much could happen and so many things take place. I am forced to leave much of it out, but, in doing so, I do not minimize anything that has happened. I have enjoyed it all thoroughly, and I am grateful for the privileges that have been mine to serve. I humbly acknowledge my failures and weaknesses, and pray that they will be forgiven. I sincerely thank every society, every officer of every society, all of the Synodical officers and secretaries, the pastors and congregations, and all others who have assisted the causes of the Women's Missionary Society. Such cooperation means success. Let us continue under our blessed Lord.

Looking toward the future, I would recommend:

1. That we give thanks to almighty God for the blessings which we have received;
2. That we pray for peace and for the conference of the nations in San Francisco;
3. That we Recruit, Reclaim and Retain all for the causes of our Society;
4. That we inform our membership and our congregations on our missionary objectives;
5. That we loyally support all of these objectives;
6. That we give special attention to the Triennial Objective and raise our quota in full;
7. That in this last year of the Triennial Objective, each society appoint a Triennial Objective Chairman who will press this cause and seek larger gifts;
8. That we continue our support of Rocky Boy Indian Mission;
9. That each society be informed of the developments in our mission program of Synod, and each enlisted in mission encouragement by gifts and offerings to our Synodical Special Fund.
10. That the inspiration and work of this Convention, as well as its challenges be taken to each society that each may hear our theme: "The Master Calleth for Thee."

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The thirty-fifth annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference was held at St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, November 14 and 15, 1944.

The convention theme was, "Thanks be to God, Who Giveth us the Victory Through Our Lord Jesus Christ." 1st Cor. 15-57.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

The archives have been brought up to date as far as possible, two books bound, minutes and programs preserved. As we prize the immortal music, poetry and literature of the past, as a heritage to us, so may we value things of importance pertaining to the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church and our own field in California, and save them for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE HOICK.

EDUCATION

Literature sales at the convention in San Francisco, May 1-4, 1944, amounted to $14.50.

At the Northern Conference in November in San Francisco, the sales were $7.60.

Mrs. W. E. Lebold of the Southern Conference reports the sale of $33.00.

Making a total of $55.00 for 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. IRONSIDE.

MAGAZINE

Magazine subscriptions:

Northern Conference—292.

Nine societies have 100% subscriptions.

Southern Conference—765.

Fifteen societies have 100% subscriptions.

Total number societies have 100% subscriptions—24.

Total number of subscriptions in Synodical Society—1057.

CAROLINE ENDERS YOUNG.

MISSION STUDY REPORT

Twenty-six societies reported reading and study groups. Sixteen groups conducted studies on North American Missions and twenty-five groups studied World Missions. There was an enrollment of four hundred and eighty-eight persons in these groups, which was an increase of one hundred and thirty-one over last year. One hundred and twenty-seven persons completed the Reading Course.

MRS. RAY INSLEE, Department Secretary.

BOX WORK

Boxes to Home Missions	48
Boxes to Foreign Missions	65
Total	113
Cash contributed for Box Work	$182.55

MRS. FRANCIS C. PRYOR.

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND "IN MEMORIAM" DEPARTMENT
1944 - 1945

Life Memberships received during Synodical year	108
Honorary Life Memberships received during Synodical year	33
Total Life Memberships received	141
Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	1030
Honorary Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	196
Total Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	1226
Persons Memorialized during Synodical year	23
Total "In Memoriam" on Synodical Roll	163
100% Life Membership Society reported	.....
Total 100% Life Membership Societies	7

The total income from this Department for the year 1944-45 was $1875.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HARRY W. HAHN.

PATRON AND PROTEGE

The Patron and Protege department reports support of twelve scholarships and seven Bible women, a total of $921.00.

MRS. H. H. ROLOFF.

REPORT OF THANK OFFERING SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 1944-45

It is indeed with thankful hearts that we can report such a good increase in our Thank-Offering. We should be so thankful to our blessed Savior for all His goodness to us. Our Thank-Offering this year is $3401.63, the largest ever reported by the Synodical Society of California. It shows an increase of $733.48 over that of last year. Let us continue in prayer to our Dear Heavenly Father for all His mercy shown to us this past year.

MRS. JOHN HJORT, Thank-Offering Secretary.

DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

The literature sent out by the Deaconess Department in Philadelphia has been forwarded to our Conference Presidents during the year. Mrs. Scheehl reports $139.05 in the Deaconess Fund.

E. MATHILDE FRITZ, Secretary.

PROMOTION

This has been a year of growth and inspiration. No doubt the contributing factors were: The visit of our promotional secretary, Miss Ruth Juram, and the work of the progressive and alert pastors throughout our congregations. Miss Juram's visit to every congregation not only aroused interest, but also revitalized every group.

Two well attended congresses were held, one in May during Miss Juram's visit, the other in October when Miss Lydia Reich was our speaker. These congresses give our younger women and the professional women an opportunity to receive inspiration as well as fellowship.

We plead for interest in our younger women that they may be given every opportunity to serve. Much depends upon local older groups to lend an assisting hand.

Several new societies have organized, others are in the act of organizing. We are indeed thankful for all the fine work that has been done locally.

MRS. M. H. SHOREEN, Synodical Promotional Secretary.

REPORT OF STUDENT SECRETARY

Your secretary reports sending out thirty-eight (38) letters to pastors of congregations.

Nineteen (19) replies were received, and two (2) too late to be tabulated.

Sixty-eight (68) students were reported.

Fifty (50) women and eighteen (18) men, a total gain of eleven (11) over last year.

This small number is due to world conditions.

Four (4) men are studying for the Ministry and four (4) women for Christian service.

The names and addresses were sent to Dr. Mary Markley and the pastors notified at various institutions of learning.

Respectfully submitted,

MEREDITH R. DYSINGER, Student Secretary.

INDIA LACE

The amount of money received for 1944 was $372.60.

All Missionary Societies have been informed as to India Lace Day in May and where programs and material may be obtained.

MRS. HILDA HANSEN, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH
March, 1944, to March, 1945

Beverly Hills Lutheran	$ 5.00
Hollywood Lutheran	45.00
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	8.40
Los Angeles, English Lutheran	8.50
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	56.00
Phoenix, Grace	3.64
San Diego, First	118.27
	$244.81

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EDWARD N. SPIRER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee on the President's report has accepted the annual report and recommendations with praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful progress which has been made in our Synodical the past year in spite of the war. It shows wholehearted support of the societies and officers of the Synodical.

We are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for His ever present help and sustaining power which has kept our President throughout another year of service. We sincerely commend her for her untiring faithfulness and consecrated devotion, to her duties as President of our Synodical which has aided greatly in the advancement which has been achieved.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. P. J. KRAMER, Chairman
MRS. WELLS LEBOLD
MRS. CLARENCE C. BOHUHOFF

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

With grateful hearts we acknowledge the love of God in the manifold blessings He has showered upon us throughout the year—for the increased interest in Mission Study which has quickened the missionary spirit in the hearts of our women evidenced in greater loyalty and larger gifts to carry on His Work, and we invoke His continued blessing as we endeavor to meet the challenge of the Theme for this Convention—"The Master Calleth for Thee." Ever mindful of present and future opportunities to show the love of God we submit the following resolutions:

1. That we express our sincere thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Howard Anspach and the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, for their cordial hospitality to delegates and friends attending the convention, also, to Mrs. A. J. Spindt for her gracious words of welcome.
2. That we thank our President, Mrs. Beasom, the Executive Board and all the department secretaries for their faithful work during these busy and tumultuous days.
3. That we express our appreciation to Dr. James P. Beasom, Dr. R. H. Gerberding, Dr. W. P. Hieronymous, Rev. H. C. Johnson and Miss Marion Potts for their informative and challenging addresses.
4. That we thank all those who so carefully prepared this program—To the devotional leaders, the soloists, accompanists, choir, and each and every one who assisted in making the sessions helpful and inspiring. Our gratitude and appreciation for the unique way in which the Life Membership Shower, Triennial Objective Shower, and the hour for Department Secretary's reports was conducted.
5. That we bow in humility and prayer to God for His guidance and leading of the representatives of Nations assembled in San Francisco today. That we pray constantly during these days that from this Conference there shall come that which will make for a Just and Durable Peace.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. C. BENTZ
MRS. CARLTON YORK SMITH
MRS. E. DALE CLICK
MRS. ROBERT L. HOOKER

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your Nominating Committee wishes to submit the following names as officers for the coming year:

President	Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Jr.
Vice-President	Mrs. C. F. Crouser
Secretary	Mrs. C. S. Izenour
Treasurer	Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl
Statistician	Mrs. Kenneth Sketch
Historian	Mrs. Orval A. Awerkamp
Archivist	Mrs. J. E. Hoick

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. W. VARMLOW, Chairman
CAROLINE ENDERS YOUNG
MRS. WM. CAPEL
MARY LOUISE BOWMAN

SUPERIOR MERIT

CITY	CHURCH	SOCIETY
Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	Women of the Church
Glendale	First	W. C. of C. Missions
Hollywood	Hollywood	Florence Welty
Hollywood	Hollywood	Women of the Church
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	Gospel Light
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	Go Ye
North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	Mena Spirer
Oakland	First	Queen Esther
Pasadena	Trinity	Women's Missionary Society
Phoenix	Grace	John K. Reed
San Diego	First	Katherine Von Bora
San Diego	First	Women of the Church
San Jose	Grace	Women's Missionary Society
Vallejo	St. Paul's	Lutheran Guild

HONOR SOCIETIES

Berkeley	St. Michael's	Louisa M. Miller
Fresno	First	Friendship Circle
Long Beach	Trinity	Women's Missionary Society
Los Angeles	First	Women of the Church
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	Loving Heart
North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	Faith
Oakland	St. John's	Women's Missionary Society
Redlands	First	Women's Missionary Society
Richmond	Grace	Mary-Martha
Sacramento	St. John's	Dorcas
San Francisco	St. Mark's	Women's Missionary Society
San Jose	Grace	Dr. Lydia Woerner
Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Guild and Missionary

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STATISTICAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 15, 1945

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Berkeley, St. Michael's (I				Yes				Yes	1		3	3
Berkeley, St. Michael's (I		No		Yes				Yes			2	
Fresno, First Lutheran (R		No	6	No				Yes	3		2	
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Oakland, First Lutheran			1	Yes			1	Yes	1		2	1
Oakland, First Lutheran		Yes	2	Yes				Yes			3	
Oakland, St. John's (W.M			2	No				No			2	
Richmond, Grace (Mary		No		No		2		Yes			2	
Richmond, Grace (In His		No	3	No		1	1	Yes			2	
Sacramento, First English				Yes				Yes	1		2	
Sacramento, St. John's (I		Yes	9	Yes	1				1		2	
San Francisco, First Engl		Yes										
San Francisco, St. Mark's		Yes	19	Yes	1			Yes	1			
San Francisco, St. Matth		Yes		Yes				Yes				
San Francisco, Temple (V												
San Jose, Grace (Lydia W		No	16	Yes				Yes	1		2	1
San Jose, Grace (W.M.S.		Yes	3	Yes				Yes	2		3	
San Mateo, St. Andrew's		Yes	21	Yes				Yes				
Vallejo, St. Paul's (Guild		Yes	8	Yes	1	Partial		Yes	1			
Northern Conference....											1	
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Alhambra, Grace (Grace		No		Yes				No	3	1	7	2
Altadena, Lutheran (Wor		No	15	No				Yes			1	
Beverly Hills, Lutheran (		Yes	22	Yes		Partial		Yes	1		5	
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Huntington Park, St. Lu		No	5	Yes				Yes	1		2	
Inglewood, Holy Trinity			10					Yes	1			
Long Beach, Trinity (W.		Yes	10	Yes				Yes	1		8	1
Los Angeles, Bethany (M				No				Yes			1	
Los Angeles, Bethany (C		No		Yes				Yes				
Los Angeles, English Lut		Yes	1	Yes		2		Yes	1	2		
Los Angeles, First Englis		No	5	Yes	1			Yes	4		11	4
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Los Angeles, St. Mark's (		Yes	4	Yes	1			No	2		1	
Los Angeles, St. Paul's (V		No						No				
North Hollywood, St. Ma		No	3	No	1				1		2	
North Hollywood, St. Ma		No	3	No				Yes		2	3	
Pasadena, Trinity (W.M.			7	Yes		1		Yes	3		4	2
Phoenix, Grace (John K.		Yes	10	Yes		1		Yes			4	3
Redlands, First English I			2	Yes				Yes		1	3	
Riverside, Trinity (W. M		No		No				Yes	3		4	
Riverside, Trinity (Nonat		No	1	No				Yes	1		5	
San Bernardino, First En		Yes	5	Yes				Yes	1		1	
San Bernardino, First En		Yes	2	Yes				No	1			
San Diego, First Lutheral		Yes		Yes	2	1		Yes	2		6	1
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Santa Barbara, Grace (W				No				Yes			2	
Santa Monica, St. Paul's				Yes	Partial	1		Yes	1		4	1
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...resno, First Lutheran (Friendship Circle)	1			42	42		1	
...resno, First Lutheran (Chi Rho Circle)	1		14	19	33			
...akland, First Lutheran (Queen Esther)	1			26	26		2	
...akland, First Lutheran (Louisa M. Miler)	1		10	2	12			
...akland, St. John's (W.M.S.)	1			8	8	1†		
...ichmond, Grace (Mary Martha*)	1			30	30			
...ichmond, Grace (In His Service*)	1		10	2	12			
...acramento, First English Lutheran (Bethany)	1			17	17			
...acramento, St. John's (Dorcas)	1		7	20	27			
...an Francisco, First English Lutheran (W.M.S.)	1		2	4	6			
...an Francisco, St. Mark's (W.M.S.)	1		4	26	30			
...an Francisco, St. Matthew's (W.M.S.)	1			20	20			
...an Francisco, Temple (W.M.S.)	1			1	1			
...an Jose, Grace (Lydia Woerner)	1		2	17	19			
...an Jose, Grace (W.M.S.)	1			16	16		4†	
...an Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of St. Andrew's, New Society)		1	5	16	21			
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...orthern Conference								
...otals Northern Conference	18	1	61	317	378		4	

...Richmond Societies are now combined and will henceforth be known as Women of the Church.

...hambra, Grace (Grace Missionary)	1		1	24	25			
...tadena, Lutheran (Women of the Church, New Society)		1	1	14	15			
...everly Hills, Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		6	36	42			
...everly Hills, Lutheran (Elsa King Frey)	1		11	1	12			
...ardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)	1		7	12	19			
...endale, First Lutheran (W. Council of Christ. Miss.)	1		2	100	102			
...endale, First Lutheran (Pi Rho Theta)	1			17	17			
...endale, First Lutheran (Business and Professional Women)	1		3	17	20			
...ollywood, Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1			60	60			
...ollywood, Lutheran (Florence M. Welty)	1		15	15	30			
...untington Park, St. Luke's (Gospel Light)	1			28	28		1*	
...untington Park, St. Luke's (Go Ye)	1		14	1	15	2*	1*	
...glewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)	1			35	35			
...ng Beach, Trinity (W.M.S.)	1		2	48	50			
...s Angeles, Bethany (Miss. Society)	1			12	12			
...s Angeles, Bethany (Cosmo)	1		6	8	14			
...s Angeles, English Lutheran (W.M.S., Reunited)	1			17	17		6	
...s Angeles, First English Lutheran (Women of Church, Day Gr.)	1			65	65			
...s Angeles, First English Lutheran (Women of Church Eve. Gr.)	1			25	25			
...s Angeles, First English Luth (Women of Church, D.R.H. Gr.)	1		14		14			
...s Angeles, St. Mark's (First)	1			30	30			
...s Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Heart)	1		5	10	15		1*	
...s Angeles, St. Paul's (Women of the Church, Reorganized)	1			16	16			
...rth Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Mena Spirer)	1			17	17		4	
...rth Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)	1		1	22	23		1	
...sadena, Trinity (W.M.S.)	1			38	38			
...oenix, Grace (John K. Reed)	1		1	45	46		4*	
...dlands, First English Lutheran (First)	1			20	20		4	
...verside, Trinity (W. Miss. Guild)	1			12	12		3*	
...verside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)	1		10	4	14	1		
...n Bernardino, First English Lutheran (Minnie L. Sandidge)	1			24	24			
...n Bernardino, First English Lutheran (Emma Louisa Alm)	1		10		10	4*		
...n Diego, First Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1			38	38			
...n Diego, First Lutheran (Katherine Van Borah)	1		3	20	23			
...nta Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)	1			13	13			
...nta Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Miss.)	1			36	36		1	
...uthern Conference								
...tals Southern Conference	35	1	112	880	992	1	16	17
...AND TOTALS	53	2	173	1197	1370	1	20	21

Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)
Gardena, St. Johns
Glendale, First (Wom. Council of Chris. Mis.)
Glendale, First (Phi Rho Theta's)
Glendale, First (Business and Professional Gi.
Hollywood (Women of the Church)
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Huntington Park, St. Lukes (Go Ye's)
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Los Angeles, First (D.R.H.)
Los Angeles, St. Marks (First)
Los Angeles, St. Marks (Loving Hearts)
Los Angeles, St. Paul's
Los Angeles, The English
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Mena Spir
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)
Oakland, First (Queen Esther)
Oakland, First (Louisa Miller)
Oakland, St. John's
Pasadena, Trinity
Phoenix, Grace (John K. Reed)
Redlands, First
Richmond, Grace (Mary Martha)
Richmond, Grace (In His Service)
Riverside, Trinity (Mission Guild)
Riversde, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)
Sacramento, First (Bethany)
Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)
San Bernardino, First (Women of Church)
San Bernardino, First (Emma Louise Alm)
San Diego, First (Women of the Church)
San Diego, First (Catherine Von Bora)
San Jose, Grace (Grace)
San Jose, Grace (Lydia Woerner)
San Francisco, First
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San Francisco, St. Matthew's
San Francisco, Temple
San Mateo, St. Andrew's
Santa Barbara, Grace
Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Women's Guild)
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ROLL OF SYNOD

CLERICAL ROLL	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER	CONG. SERVED	LAY DELEGATE	LAYMAN'S ADDRESS
ckerman, J. Emory	1944	1944	S	1010 Gardena Blvd., Gardena	St. John's	Wm. Erbe	933 W. 161st St., Gardena
lm, Arthur W.	1942	1943	S	832 Marshall Ave., San Bernardino	First	Mrs. Chester Bruhl	
lsop, Albert	1945	1945	S	Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A.	Missionary to Argentina		
nspach, Howard A., D.D.	1913	1930	S	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, 4	Trinity	Clarence L. Derr	1954 Queensberry Rd., Pasadena, 7
werkamp, Orval A.	1935	1935	N	4701 Colorado St., Long Beach, 4	Trinity	H. Thresh	2360 Bush, Richmond
eason, James P., Jr., D.D.	1923	1937	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, 5	President of Synod		
ergstresser, Phillip	1944	1944	N	5425 Brookdale Ave., Oakland, 2	St. John's	Jack Leeman	1951 Seminary Ave., Oakland, 1
itter, John C.	1917	1923	N	603 "E" St., Fresno	Wartburg		
onker, Milus W.	1945	1946	N	534 35th St., Richmond	Grace	J. E. Thorvik	513 13th St., Richmond
laus, August	1943	1943	N	2122 Lotus Ave., Fresno, 2	St. Paul's	B. Steinhauer	2337 Lamona, Fresno, 4
lick, E. Dale	1944	1944	N	643 28th Ave., San Mateo	St. Andrew's	Keith De Lasaux	300 Channing Rd., San Mateo
orn, J. George, D.D.	1915	1927	N	1135 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, 2	St. Mark's	William Capel	1815 Lyon, San Francisco, 15
yreson, Delmar L.	1931	1934	S	R.F.D. #1, Box 858, Mill Valley	Army Y.M.C.A.		
ndter, Donald W.	1945	1945	S	Rt. 2, Box 218-A, Phoenix, Ariz.	Faith	Wm. Steffenhagen	
ailing, L. A.	1934	1946	S	1627 N. Landis St., Burbank	Board Missionary		
einecken, F. W.	1930	1945	S	4144 9th Street, Riverside	Trinity		
erold, J. S., D.D.	1900	1939	N	1128 N Street, Sanger, Calif.	St. Paul's		
idy, Ross F.	1942	1945	N	3106 Harbor Gate, Richmond	Com. of Am. Missions		
oland, Clifford B.	1927	1938	S	625 21st Pl., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Fritz C. Noel	237 Spencer, Glendale
udson, Guy L.	1930	1930	S	122 S. Almont Dr., Los Angeles, 36	Beverly Hills	Russel F. Amrheim	122 So. Almont Dr., Los Angeles
ohnson, Earl J.		1946	S	4668 Tivoli St., San Diego, 7	Board Missionary		
easey, Lester D.	1946	1946	S	345 N. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena 8	Trinity Assist. Pastor		
eck, Paul E.	1945	1945	N	Rt. 8, Box 5815, Sacramento	St. Paul's		
erstetter, Robert D., Ph.D.	1939	1943	S	1733 N. New Hampshire, Hollywood, 27	Hollywood	David Lingle	
nudten, A. C., Ph.D.	1920	1943	N	Alcatraz & Benvenue, Oakland, 4	St. Michael's, Berkeley	L. K. Thompson	
ohler, Henry Irving, D.D.	1919	1930	S	7011 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles, 3	Bethany	H. G. Vogel	7119 Compton Ave., Los Angeles 1
indsay, H. C.	1926	1940	S	1120 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace		
orimer, Harold	1944	1944	N	Julian & Second, San Jose, 10	Grace	Wm. A. Coate	
ucas, Herman	1923	1925	N	269 Dolores St., San Francisco, 2	St. Matthew's		
arshall, Robert L.	1944	1944	S	228 N. Almansor, Alhambra	Grace	Luke P. Hahn	
iley, Chas. A.	1929	1946	N	630 Ferger Ave., Fresno, 3	First	R. E. Paden	
iller, Carl A.	1925	1941	S	232 W. Olive St., Redlands	First	E. Lagerquist, Sr.	
iller, Eldon R.	1944	1944	N	15 Latona St., San Francisco, 24	Temple		
ield, John B., Ph.D.	1943	1943	S	1122 W. 36th Pl., Los Angeles, 4	St. Mark's	W. E. Lebold	843 W. 43rd Pl., Los Angeles
pperman, Henry W.	1933	1935	S	218 Center St., Redlands	Board Missionary		
slund, Edward J.	1938	1938	N	334 Mason St., San Francisco, 2	Service Center		
eterson, Joseph W.	1922	1944	N	1309 Tuolomne St., Vallejo	St. Paul's	C. R. Davidson	
omeis, H. Paul	1931	1936	N	659 Sixteenth St., Oakland, 12	First	Frants Jensen	659 16th St., Oakland 12
omeis, Robert S.	1938	1938	N	2609 San Jose Way, Sacramento, 17	St. John's	L. V. Leonard	925 Sutter St., Sacramento
cherer, Henry	1928	1943	S	1329 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles 6	Advent	Ernest W. LeDuc	
choll, Titus R.	1938	1946	S	1919 E. Silver St., Tucson, Ariz.	Our Saviour	Arthur Hansen	
chwertz, Albert B., D.D.	1924	1941	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 5	First English	H. A. Weisman	110 N. Detroit St., Los Angeles
mith, Chas. P.	1938	1943	S	2721 E. Florence St., Huntington Park	St. Luke's	R. Kluck	6931 Wilcox Bell, Los Angeles
mith, Frederick A., Th.D.		1945	S	4042 Halldale Ave., Los Angeles, 37	So. California Welfare Council		
oldan, A. J., D.D.	1901	1929	S	11421 Waterford St., West L. A., 24	Westwood Village		
pindt, Geo. A.	1945	1945	S	1109 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara	Grace	J. H. Jendresen	821 E. Carrillo, Santa Barbara
pirer, Edward N.	1930	1931	S	6616 Irving St., North Hollywood	St. Matthew's		
ambert, Carl V.	1932	1946	S	1303 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale 2	First	F. J. Bowman	543 W. Stocker St., Glendale 12
hompson, Geo.	1944	1945	S	197 W. Foothill Blvd., Altadena	Altadena	Edward Martin	
osseler, Erwin A.	1920	1941	S	1320 Second Ave., San Diego, 1	First	John J. Enders	4620 Oregon St., San Diego 4
agner, Donald F.	1945	1945	S	2641 Hayes Ave., Long Beach 6	Faith		

	Ordained	Synod	ference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER
RETIRED				
Becker, Otto	1912	1941	N	1128 "N" St., Sanger, Calif.
Broyer, John R., Ph.D.	1896	1912	N	1622 Great Highway, San Francisco, 22
Bosserman, Homer L.	1910	1936	S	Rt. 5, Box 156, Tucson, Arizona
Brandes, William	1888	1896	N	3266 Liberty Ave., Alameda
Crouser, William E., D.D. (p.e.m.)	1898	1902	N	1204 Lincoln Ave., San Jose
Dysinger, Wm. S., D.D.	1894	1916	S	1419 6th, Los Angeles 6, Calif.
Fieblekorn, Albert	1903	1921	S	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia, Calif.
Groseclose, Albert L.	.....	1945	S	810 E. Michigan, Pasadena
Gruver, Oscar H., D.D.	1892	1904 (1894)	N	717 Carlston Ave., Oakland, 10
Harshman, L. A.	1907	1944	S	717 S. Burlington, Los Angeles, 5
Harter, Norman N.	1895	1911	S	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles
Hoick, Edward J., D.D.	1894	1898	S	1041 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles, 37
Isham, Arthur A.	1907	1912	S	832 Alvarado St., Redlands, Calif.
Jatho, Adolph	1887	1895	N	1634 Adeline St., Oakland
Leech, Harvey M.	1894	1919 (1912)	N	2473 Prince St. Berkeley 5, Calif.
Maggart, C. W., D.D.	1882	1926 (1892)	S	2023 West 82nd St., Los Angeles
Meyer, Emil	1900	1919	N	3900 Lakeshore, Oakland, 10
Miller, William C., S.T.M.	1899	1928	S	Wakeeney, Kans.
Mottern, Warren R., Litt.D. (p.e.m.)	1897	1909	S	211 N. Adams St., Glendale, 6
Moyer, F. E.	1912	1944	S	2404 "F" St., San Diego, 2
Poat, Wm. F., LL.D.	1901	1920	S	3925 Walnut St., Riverside, Calif.
Oehler, Charles F., D.D.	1888	1893	N	1713 "J" ,Sacramento, 14
Rockey, C. H.	1881	1931	S	2127 West 6th St., Los Angeles
Schmidt, Henry F.	1895	1930	N	
Snyder, Daniel J., D.D.	1903	1908	S	2085 Linden St., Long Beach, 6
Trabert, E. A., D.D. (p.e.m.)	1898	1919	N	828 N. Idaho St., San Mateo
Weaver, H. J., D.D., (p.e.m.)	1894	1900	S	6814 S. Cedar St., Huntington Park
Westenbarger, B. L.	1892	1942	S	1211 N. Howard St., Glendale, 6
Yerian, S. H., Ph.D., D.D.	1899	1926	S	4427 59th St., Los Angeles, 43
Zeigler, J. A. M., Ph.D., D.D.	1877	1919 (1907)	S	2819 E. California, Huntington Park
CHAPLAINS				
Crouser, Clarence F.	1923	1925	S	U.S.N.R.
May, Erwin T.	1931	1934	S	Army of U. S.
Swanson, Franklin A.	1938	1942	S	U.S.N.R.
Vosseler, Lawrence C.	1941	1941	S	U.S.N.
Wright, Edward D.	1923	1937	S	U.S.N.R.

CONVENTIONS OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	Pastors	Congregations
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph.D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. M. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30

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28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	58	37
39	Sacramento	1930	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	37
40	Long Beach	1931	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	64	37
41	San Francisco	1932	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	68	38
42	Los Angeles	1933	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	65	36
43	Oakland	1934	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	62	36
44	Riverside	1935	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	64	35
45	San Francisco	1936	Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	63	37
46	Phoenix, Arizona	1937	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	66	37
47	Sacramento	1938	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	37
48	Santa Monica	1939	Rev. Howard A. Anspach	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	60	37
49	San Jose	1940	Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	57	36
50	Los Angeles	1941	Rev. William H. Derr	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	38
51	Sacramento	1942	Rev. William H. Derr, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	38
52	Glendale	1943	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	67	39
53	San Francisco	1944	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	68	39
54	Pasadena	1945	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	83	42
55	Oakland	1946	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	90	46

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MINUTES

of the

Fifty-fifth Annual Convention

of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD of California

FIRST SESSION

Oakland, California, January 28, 1946, 8 P.M.

The fifty-fifth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California opened with the confessional service followed by the administration of the Holy Communion, Liturgist: the Rev. Paul H. Wolpert; Administrants: the Rev. H. Paul Romeis and the Rev. A. B. Schwertz; Homolist: the Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., who used as his text, John 9:13-25. Special music was furnished by the choir of First English Lutheran Church, Oakland.

SECOND SESSION

Oakland, California, January 29th, 1946, 9:30 A.M.

The chaplain, the Rev. Carl V. Tambert, conducted the opening devotions using as his theme "Our Lenten Opportunities" based on John 12:32.

The fifty-fifth annual convention was formally opened by President Beasom using the prescribed order.

Roll was called with forty-nine pastors and twenty-seven lay delegates present.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented the official printed program for the meeting of Synod and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

New members of Synod were introduced as follows: The Rev. Earl Johnson, The Rev. Carl V. Tambert, The Rev. Frederick A. Smith, The Rev. Lester D. Keasey, The Rev. Titus R. Scholl, The Rev. Milus Bonker, The Rev. F. W. Heineken, The Rev. Charles A. Miley and The Rev. L. A. Failing.

The following guests were presented to the Convention: Mr. C. L. Stoughton, Litt.D., Official Representative of the U.L.C.A.; The Rev. Oscar W. Carlson, D.D., Director of Evangelism for the U.L.C.A.; The Rev. T. D. Rinde, D.D., Dean of Western Theological Seminary; The Rev. Paul Lewis, Missionary to Liberia, Africa; Chaplains Ralph Sell, Hahn, Johnson, and Rogers; and Major Liu of the Chinese Army.

The motion prevailed that visiting clergymen and laymen be given a voice on the floor of the Convention.

The following committees were appointed for the Convention:

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

President's Report
Rev. Robert Romeis, Chairman; Rev. George Spindt, Mr. H. A. Weisman

Claims
Rev. J. Emery Ackerman, Chairman; Rev. Eldon R. Miller, Mr. David Lingle, Mr. William B. Scheehl

Letters and Papers
Rev. G. L. Hudson, Chairman; Rev. Paul Keck, Mr. A. G. Pape

Tellers
Rev. Carl Miller, Chairman; Rev. F. W. Heinecken, Rev. E. Dale Click, Mr. J. H. Jendresen, Mr. L. W. Varblow

Convention Reporter to the Lutheran
Rev. George Thompson

Chairman of the Layman's Meeting
Mr. F. J. Bowman

Convention Publicity
Rev. Philip Bergstresser, Chairman; Rev. H. Paul Romeis, Mr. Franz Jensen

Excuses
Dr. H. I. Kohler, Chairman; Dr. Arthur Knudten, Mr. William Stephenhagen

Assistant to the Secretary
Rev. Henry Opperman

The President of Synod presented the following report:

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Introduction: It is truly fitting that we should hold our fifty-fifth annual convention of our Synod in this year of peace, in the Bay area of the State of California, where a few months ago were gathered the representatives of the United Nations to form a basic charter for world peace. We pray for the results of their efforts as we convene, and we pray for those into whose hands that charter reposes for implementation. May each be directed by almighty God.

But back of all charters and back of all leaders reposes the real power in people—people unto whom God has given life, thought and power. It is nothing new to note that the people may wield power for good or evil, may grant it to tyrants, or, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, may usher in the kingdom of God upon earth through Jesus Christ. It is due to this latter responsibility that we as a Synod exist. We are gathered in a convention of Synod to review a year of effort under our Lord's command and to seek His guidance for the year just ahead. Here we shall renew our determination to live only for Him; here we shall open our souls that our failures and sins might be forgiven; here we shall draw new strength as we mingle in "a great company of saints" that our humble efforts may be multiplied.

Gratitude: The statistical report will tell a story all of its own. It is not our task to judge nor to interpret the figures. But we know that God has brought us the increase. He has blessed us and we have felt that blessing. He has given to us faithful pastors, pastor's wives, missionaries, lay workers who have laboured; watering and planting the seed. And into this desert there have blossomed souls for Him. Nor has this been a selfish enjoyment of His beauty, for He has stirred the hearts of the people to give liberally to the benevolent causes of the church. We have passed not only our minimum goals of apportionment and Lutheran World Action, but have passed the maximum goals. For all of this we return thanks unto almighty God.

Peace: And now He has given us peace. A year ago we met in war; today we meet in peace. War brought us the challenge of a tremendous influx of people, but peace has brought us a great immigration. Literally "there is no room." As we turn our hearts to the Lord, in petitions of thanksgiving for peace, we seek His encouragement, His vision, His help, that we shall not fail to bring His peace to the millions of unsaved who now dwell within our synodical borders. Conservative estimates for the population of California alone suggests that 1947 will see here 10,000,000 souls.

The Presidency: Last January, your president was inducted into office as the first full-time president of Synod. He found no precedent for his actions and needed to blaze a new trail. Twelve months have passed, the first year of his term of five years. Even though much has been accomplished and much has been done, he recognizes the frailty of flesh. There have been opportunities lost, work left undone and mistakes made. For all of these he seeks divine forgiveness, as well as the forgiveness of the brothers, the fathers and laymen of Synod. May the Lord help us to continue working together, always "pressing forward," "not breaking rank," even though there are times when we cannot understand all things nor one another.

For the material developments we need only to tour the congregations of Synod. All have seen growth materially, numerically, and, we pray, spiritually. Your president has visited every church of Synod, some several times. He has met with congregations, church councils, committees, pastors. He has preached every Sunday, except one, at least once and most of the time two and three times. He has travelled over 22,000 miles by car, 21,000 miles by railroad and about 1500 miles by airplane in the performance of his synodical duties. He has been away from home more than two-thirds of the time, staying at hotels and living out of suitcases. If through these efforts anything has been accomplished, we give all the honor where honor is due, to our blessed Lord, Who made it possible for us to serve Him in His vineyard.

But there has not only been a president at work in Synod, but an Executive Committee, which has never failed to measure up to its full responsibility. Each member has given fully of his time in service and deserves the commendation of Synod. The same must be said of the Home Mission Committee, for we have experimented this year in merging the two in our meetings, so that both committees, though keeping their separate tasks and minutes, met together, that each would know the actions of the other.

The Presidents of Conferences: Your president has depended heavily upon the presidents of the two conferences. The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, the 1st Vice-president of Synod, and the president of the northern conference, who is the pastor of our host church for this convention, deserves our thanks. He has always been willing to act for the president of synod while the president was away, and especially, when the president was absent from the northern area.

Upon our second vice-president and the president of the southern conference, the Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D., the president of synod depended largely for advice and guidance for he is a past president of Synod, but ill health required his resignation from office, and the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., the vice-president of the southern conference, ably assumed the duties of Dr. Anspach. We have missed the wise leadership of Dr. Anspach, and pray that he will soon be able to take his active part in the work of Synod.

Other Officers of Synod: Synod has two other active officers who are members of the Executive Committee—the Rev. Paul H. Wolpert, who is serving his first term as secretary of Synod, and Mr. William B. Scheehl, who has held the office of treasurer of Synod for twelve years, ten of these consecutively. Both have served ably and with much credit to Synod. The other two laymen on the Executive Committee, Mr. F. C. Noel and Mr. William Capel, as well as the other members of the Home Mission Committee, the Rev. Robert S. Romeis, Mr. F. J. Bowman and Mr. L. S. Johnston have made up the membership of the two committees. All of them merit the appreciation of Synod, for all have served our blessed Lord with distinction.

A good deal of the work of Synod is done by the other officers and committees. To each, your president wishes to express both his and the appreciation of a grateful Synod. May the Lord continue to bless them as they serve in these added responsibilities. And to the host of others who have all faithfully performed their duties—thank you!

Our Field: The territory of Synod still remains a virgin missionary field, "white unto the harvest." Our largest task is bringing the unchurched into the fellowship of the Lord and His people. This continues to be a double task: first, the evangelization of the unsaved through our organized congregations. For this effort, we must rely upon the pastors and members of our churches. We can only assist and inspire. Such is our present effort from Epiphany to Pentecost, with the initial help of the Rev. Oscar Carlson, D.D., who is a guest and speaker at our Synod. We are appreciative of his efforts and the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church for sending him to us.

Second, the establishment of new congregations in new fields. During the past year God has given us five new congregations:

The Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California.
The Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Culver City, California.
The St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California.
The Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona.
Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona.

We welcome them into our fellowship. The first of these was received in our Synod last spring, but the last four will be received at this convention. We welcome them all and ask them to unite their efforts with ours to perform the greater task the Lord has given us to do.

But we are not satisfied. Another congregation will be organized at Whittier, California, perhaps next month. A new field has been entered in San Diego, California and another in Burbank, California. Besides these, we have asked for ten fields for survey and occupancy. These will add another State to our borders, that of Nevada.

For making this work possible, Synod wishes to express its gratitude to the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, and the staff of the Board which has encouraged us and supported us in our missionary program. We note the illness of the Rev. Zenan M. Corbe, D.D., the Executive Secretary of the Board, who has always been our sincere friend and helper. Your president expresses his personal appreciation for his help and asks that Synod pray that the great Physician will restore him to health and strength, for we need him in the magnificent work that he is doing.

Our Laymen: We should make 1946 a year when we multiply our laborers in the vineyard of our Lord, by inviting into active participation a larger number of our lay men and women, Luther Leaguers and children. We should encourage their assistance in our missionary endeavor.

Students for the Ministry: We have our largest number of young men studying for the gospel ministry: Eugene Vosseler (San Diego), sophomore, Midland; Robert Wheatly (Glendale), junior, Western; William Bowman, (Glendale, middler, Western; Theodore Youngquist (Glendale), senior, Western; James Youngquist (Glendale), freshman, Midland; James Eshenbrenner (Glendale), freshman, Midland; Earl Heuser (Glendale) freshman, Midland; Albert Shandrick (St. Mark's, San Francisco), junior, Western; Louis L'Heureux (St. John's, Sacramento), freshman, Wittenberg; Richard Arthur (First, Sacramento), freshman, Midland; Stanley Olson (Grace, Phoenix), sophomore, Arizona State; Wesley Brosvik (Grace, Phoenix), freshman, Arizona State; Jack Glidewell (Our Savior's, Tucson), senior U. of Arizona. Besides these, we have one young lady, Annita Buderer (St. John's, Sacramento), who is a student at the Motherhouse, Baltimore.

The U.L.C.A.: Our hearts were saddened by the passing of our beloved president of the United Lutheran Church in America for the first quarter century of its history, the Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D. His contribution to the life and advancement of our Church was immeasurable. Your president recommends that Synod in convention set aside a portion of its memorial service in memory of Dr. Knubel.

The Lord does not leave us alone, but has raised up the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., for just such a time as this. As our president, he is giving to the whole church an inspiring leadership. He has suggested that "The Day of March has come, for our United Lutheran Church. This year's budget of $2,500,000 is absolutely needed to supply the material for our spiritual war. You can believe our word; it is the honest minimum. Our Lord is saying as plainly as of old, 'Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward'."

Our Synod, for the past four years, has maintained a status of 100% or more for the benevolent appeals of the Church. This year a requested maximum was set for the synods of our Church. Our Synod reached that maximum. But it will take even stronger efforts to do this for our enlarged budget of 1946. Remember Dr. Fry's words ". . . it is the honest minimum." Let us make it that in our various congregations.

To assist us in our stewardship program, the U.L.C.A. is sending to us as its official representative to Synod, Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, former president of Wagner College, and now director of stewardship for our United Lutheran Church. He will hold church councilmen's rallys in the various areas of Synod, speak to us in convention and assist individual pastors and congregations with their problems. We are grateful for his help.

Our Institutions of Learning: Midland College and Western Theological Seminary are our schools. We have accepted them and have provided a portion of their financial needs. More than 25% of the student body of Western Seminary are California men, and Midland College numbers among its student body a considerable group from our congregations.

We have pledged, besides our regular contributions from benevolence, $25,000 for the Midland and Western Appeal for $225,000. Of this amount, approximately fifty percent has been raised, but this leaves us with a sizeable amount still to be sent from our congregations. Synod should face this appeal at this convention and make provision for its completion. We must not fail those who are preparing for leadership in our Church.

The Rev. Thomas D. Rinde, D.D., dean of Western Seminary, is with us at Synod. He is a product of our Synod, coming from the First Lutheran Church of San Diego. He is here to assist us to understand our schools. We are happy to welcome Dr. Rinde back to California and to have him present the cause of Christian education to our body.

Lutheran World Action: Never in the history of our Church have we been faced with such compelling demands and yet such glorious opportunities. The millions of our war-devastated world cry unto us to "come over and help us." We canont turn a deaf ear to this cry. The National Lutheran Council has set the appeal for 1946-47 at $10,000,000. This is more than twice as much as has been asked in the maximum appeals before. This means that we shall have to more than double our contributions annually to L.W.A. but the needs are now, so that the funds should all be raised during 1946 if at all possible. We could do this with a determined effort. We will need to ask our people to rise up and give to the extent of four and five times as much as they did during 1945. But it will be good to do it.

Our Chaplains: Of our seven chaplains in service, two have been discharged: the Rev. Delmar L. Dyerson, who is serving as a secretary to the Army Y.M.C.A. in San Francisco, due to ill health received in service; and the Rev. Henry W. Opperman, who has accepted work with the Board of American Missions with assignment to California. Chaplain Lawrence C. Vosseler has enlisted in the regular navy and is now stationed at Moffet Field. Chaplain Franklin A. Swanson serves with the navy in Japan. He plans to come back to Synod when discharged later this year. Chaplain Clarence F. Crouser has enlisted for another year of service in the navy and is now stationed at Camp Peary, near Williamsburg, Va. Chaplain D. Edward Wright is at Bremerton, Washington, with the navy, and Chaplain Erwin T. May is now located at the Chaplain School, Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Three former chaplains from other synods have entered our Synod for service: the Rev. Earl Johnson and the Rev. Charles Miley from the Northwest Synod, and the Rev. L. A. Failing from the New York Synod.

Our Service Men and Women: In spite of the fact that large numbers of our young men and women in service have been discharged and are now back in our parishes, there are many who still remain on active duty. We must not let them down now. They need our prayers and our letters. Let us never forget them. To those who have returned, we bid them a hearty welcome and express an appreciation of a grateful church. For those who are wounded and ill, we plead that the Father of all mercies will comfort, sustain and heal them. For those homes where dear ones will never return, we ask the Father to send the Holy Comforter. May we who remain see that that, for which they died, shall be accomplished.

Home For The Aged: Following out the action of Synod, the Board for the Home for the Aged was organized and plans set in motion to bring an institution into being. Some sizeable gifts were received and the donors were given the thanks of Synod. Several properties were considered, but due to zoning, lack of space for future development and the rising cost of property, none of these was purchased. Your Board is continuing its efforts to bring into reality a Home for the Aged.

A Campaign of Advance: Your president suggests that the following campaign of advance in Synod be undertaken for 1946:

1. That the period of Epiphany to Easter be set aside as a time for lay Evangelism in all the churches of Synod.
2. That the period from Easter to Pentecost be set aside for an intensive attendance crusade.
3. That the fall be given to an all Synod Financial Appeal for funds to underwrite the indebtedness of congregations, and to provide funds for the programs of advance within congregations, (all funds to be raised within the congregation to remain in the congregation).
4. That a fund of at least $10,000 be raised for mission advancement.
5. That Synod strive to plant a number of new missions during the year.
6. That Synod make some provision for an adequate synodical youth program.

Building Program: Now that the war is over and the possibility of future construction is at hand, a number of congregations of Synod are planning to erect new edifices and educational buildings. We are grateful for the visitation of congregations by Mr. Elwood L. Bowman, divisional secretary of church extension of the Board of American Missions. His counsel and help, as well as his financial programs for mission congregations, were a decided advance for Synod.

Salaries and Personnel: The increased cost of living is recognized by all. We are passing through a difficult period for many pastors. Your president wishes to encourage congregations to increase the salaries and expense allowances of pastors wherever it is possible. We appreciate the efforts of the Rev. Arthur M. Knudsen, D.D., divisional secretary of English Missions, in assisting us in the supply of men for our fields and the recommendations to the Board for adjustments of salaries of mission pastors wherever possible.

Parsonages: Your president commends to each congregation the purchase of a parsonage. The shortage of housing has caused real handicaps to many of our pastors. We sympathize with them in these times. Parsonages have been built or purchased during the year at Long Beach, Faith; Whittier, new mission; Tucson, Our Savior's; Los Angeles, Advent; Berkeley, St. Michael's; Glendale, First; San Bernardino, First; San Jose, Grace; Richmond, Grace; and provision has been made for the erection of one for Trinity, Pasadena.

Lutheran Welfare Councils: During the past year Lutheran Welfare Councils have been organized among the Lutheran bodies of the National Lutheran Council both in the northern and southern conference areas. The Executive Secretaries of these councils respectively are the Rev. J. Edward Oslund and the Rev. Frederick Smith, Th.D. These bodies should be encouraged by our pastors and congregations by individual and congregational memberships.

Retirement Pensions: Due to the increased cost of living, our retired pastors and pastors' widows are finding it increasingly difficult to live upon the small allowance granted by the Church. Your president suggests that Synod make a study of this situation to discover possible ways and means of relief.

Statistics: Since our last convention was held April 23-25, 1945, the statistics in this report will be from that date to December 31, 1945:

1. DEATHS:

   May 26, 1945—The Rev. Francis C. Pryor.
   August 8, 1945—The Rev. Peter Altpeter, D.D.

2. RESIGNATIONS:

   The Rev. Henry Scherer, First Lutheran Church, Fresno, July 1, 1945.
   The Rev. Orval Awerkamp, Grace Lutheran Church, Richmond, August 1, 1945.
   The Rev. William F. Poat, L.L.D., Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside, September 1, 1945.

3. CALLS ACCEPTED:

   The Rev. Carl V. Tambert, First Lutheran Church, Glendale, May 1, 1945.
   The Rev. Henry Scherer, Advent Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, July 8, 1945.
   The Rev. Orval Awerkamp, Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Beach, August 1, 1945.

The Rev. Eldon R. Miller, Temple Lutheran Church, San Francisco, December 1, 1945.
The Rev. Robert Hooker, First Lutheran Church, San Francisco, December 1, 1945.
The Rev. F. W. Heinecken, Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside, October 1, 1945.
The Rev. Paul E. Keck, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, December 1, 1945.
The Rev. George A. Spindt, Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, December 1, 1945.
The Rev. Robert D. Wagner, Faith Lutheran Church, Long Beach, December 1, 1945.
The Rev. Charles Miley, First Lutheran Church, Fresno, December 16, 1945.
The Rev. Milus Bonker, Grace Lutheran Church, Richmond, December 16, 1945.
The Rev. Donald W. Endter, Faith Lutheran Church, Phoenix, December 31, 1945.
The Rev. Lester Keasey, Asst. Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, November 1, 1945, (Licentiate of Central Penn. Synod).

4. CALLS ACCEPTED AS BOARD MISSIONARIES:

The Rev. Titus Scholl, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Tucson, October 1, 1945.
The Rev. Earl Johnson, Ocean Beach, San Diego, December 1, 1945.

5. INSTALLATIONS:

The Rev. Arthur Knudten, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Berkeley, June 3, 1945.
The Rev. Carl V. Tambert, First Lutheran Church, Glendale, July 29, 1945.
The Rev. Henry Scherer, Advent Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, September 9, 1945.
The Rev. Orval Awerkamp, Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Beach, September 16, 1945.
The Rev. F. W. Heinecken, Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverside, November 18, 1945.

6. ORDINATIONS:

The Rev. Frederick K. Wentz, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Pasadena, April 25, 1945.

7. ORGANIZATION OF CONGREGATIONS:

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Culver City, the Rev. Frederick Wentz, Pastor-organizer, June 17, 1945.
Our Savior's Ev. Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona, Student Jack Glidewell with the president of Synod, organizers, July 8, 1945.
The Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona, the Rev. Donald W. Endter, Pastor-organizer, July 8, 1945.
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento, the Rev. Paul E. Keck, Pastor-organizer, August 12, 1945.

8. DEDICATIONS:

New Church Edifice, Faith Lutheran Church, Long Beach, June 10, 1945.
Parsonage, Advent Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, October 7, 1945.
Parsonage-Church House, First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, October 14, 1945.
Parsonage, First Lutheran Church, Glendale, November 18, 1945.
Pipe Organ, First Lutheran Church, Redlands, November 18, 1945.
Organ, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fresno, September 30, 1945.

9. RETIREMENTS:

The Rev. William F. Poat, L.L.D., October 1, 1945.
The Rev. Henry F. Schmidt.

10. PROGRESS OF CONGREGATIONS:

This portion of the report is given in the Golden State Lutheran and in the supplementary report on the Bulletin Board.

There are several recommendations found in this report, to which your president invites your serious consideration. They will, no doubt, come before you in the report of the committee on president's report.

From the moment that I took office back in 1942, I was challenged by the the tremendous implications of the holy office of the presidency of Synod. This was much more forcibly brought to my attention when I was installed a year ago as your first full-time president. I am still overwhelmed by the magnitude of the task and the multiplicity of the opportunities for service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His holy Church. I would not dare to remain in office if I did not do so with the faith that I am not working alone, but that God is with me. Moreover, I could not fulfill the responsibilities of the office, for they are beyond my ability, but for the faith that the pastors and people of our many congregations are praying for me and working with me, so that what is accomplished, is done as a united effort in the Kingdom. Very humbly, I promise once more to remain faithful to the tasks which you have asked me to perform and to give my utmost for the Savior, Who has done so much for me.

In conclusion, and at the beginning of this convention, I would encourage active participation on the part of both clerical and lay delegates in the discussion and actions of this convention. The Lord will speak through His Church, if we shall let Him use us. To Him be all the honor and the glory within the Church, world without end. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PRINCE BEASOM, JR.,

President.

The motion prevailed that the report be referred to the Committee on the President's Report.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA BY CONGREGATIONS

Congregation	Apport.	%	L.W.A.	Midland College	Miss.	Others	Totals
Alhambra, Grace	$ 768.00	100.	$ 271.65	$ 500.00	$ 53.06	$ 34.54	$ 1,627.25
Altadena, Altadena	252.57	300.*	88.82		16.25		357.64
Berkeley, St. Michael's	997.00	102.6	335.36		15.00	50.00	1,397.36
Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills	930.00	100	300.00	200.00			1,430.00
Culver City, Grace	91.00	A	37.50	22.17			150.67
Fresno, First	912.00	100	255.93	217.50	20.00		1,405.43
Fresno, St. Paul's	706.80	113.3	201.75	25.00			933.55
Fresno, Wartburg	269.00	149.4	107.00	37.00			413.00
Gardena, St. John's	445.00	109	160.00	50.00	15.00		670.00
Glendale, First	2,758.00	103.7	1,000.00		200.00	75.00	4,033.00
Hollywood, Hollywood	3,625.00	158.2	1,863.00	1,000.00			6,488.00
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	1,590.00	121	382.19	129.50		226.20	2,327.89
Inglewood, Holy Trinity	762.00	101.6	387.17				1,149.17
Long Beach, Faith	229.74	239.2*	5.70				235.44
Long Beach, Trinity	1,266.00	100	330.42	100.00			1,696.42
Los Angeles, Advent	456.00	133.3*	645.38	12.00	12.30	7.00	1,132.68
Los Angeles, Bethany	762.00	100	350.00	204.75	50.00		1,366.75
Los Angeles, First	1,764.00	100	807.17	1,000.00	200.00		3,771.17
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	674.26	108	144.05				818.31
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	204.00	100	50.00				254.00
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	1,134.00	100	644.30	100.00	25.00		1,903.30
Oakland, First	1,064.53	113	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.80	17.00	3,182.33
Oakland, St. John's	352.06	106.7	98.35				450.41
Pasadena, Trinity	1,476.00	100	595.96	1,309.41	2.00	5.00	3,388.37

A—Mission congregations un-apportioned.
*—New congregations apportioned for six months only.

Congregation	Apport.	%	L.W.A.	Midland College	Miss.	Others	Totals
Phoenix, Faith (See Foot Note)							
Phoenix, Grace	2,610.00	100	668.25	500.00			3,778.25
Redlands, First	399.40	105.7	150.00	100.00			649.40
Richmond, Grace	1,044.00	100	500.00	1,000.00			2,544.00
Riverside, Trinity	324.00	100	109.30				433.30
Sacramento, First	914.90	105.2	401.68	205.25			1,521.81
Sacramento, St. John's	1,597.00	100	724.50	619.05	19.48	35.00	2,995.03
Sacramento, St. Paul's	39.10	A					39.10
San Bernardino, First	570.00	100	244.81	100.00			914.81
San Diego, First	2,041.69	168.5	435.51	1,012.50	65.00		3,554.70
San Francisco, First	270.00	100	91.85				361.85
San Francisco, St. Mark's	1,524.00	100	873.00		90.00	263.00	2,750.00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	508.00	101	235.00	300.00	20.00	40.00	1,103.00
San Francisco, Temple	288.00	100	34.75				322.75
Sanger, St. Paul's	150.00	125	50.00	30.00			230.00
San Jose, Grace	516.00	100	80.00				596.00
San Mateo, St. Andrew's	240.00	100	62.55		5.50		308.05
Santa Barbara, Grace	293.05	139.5	94.35				387.40
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	1,244.82	117.9	440.51	500.00			2,185.33
Tucson, Our Savior's	107.09	A					107.09
Vallejo, St. Paul's	336.01	100	92.91	5.00	28.60		462.52
Westwood, Village	306.00	100	112.77				418.77
Other Sources			292.51				292.51
	$38,812.02	111.5%	$15,755.93	$10,279.13	$937.99	$752.74	$66,537.81

Foot Note—This congregation contributed $200.00 through Grace Church, Phoenix.

A—Mission congregations un-apportioned.

*—New congregations apportioned for six months only.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945

		Receipts	Disbursmts.
BALANCES, January 1, 1945			
U.L.C.A. Apportionment account	$ 101.91		
Other benevolence	115.00		
Midland College	7.83		
Synodical Treasury	3,001.79		
President's Office Fund	2,115.78		
California Home Missions account	4,550.56		
		$ 9,892.87	
APPORTIONMENT			
United Lutheran Church apportionment	18,314.09		$ 18,416.00
Midland College apportionment	5,363.83		5,371.66
Midland College gifts		10,279.13	10,279.13
Synodical Treasury apportionment	5,699.76		
California Home Missions apportionment	3,339.81		
President's Office Fund apportionment	6,094.53		
Total apportionment receipts		38,812.02	
Lutheran World action		15,755.93	15,755.93
Foreign Missions		454.09	454.09
Home Missions		408.90	408.90
Social Missions		154.54	154.54
Deaconess Scholarships		202.20	202.20
Other Benevolences		446.00	446.00
University Student Work		950.00	950.00
Travel Allowance, Ministerial education		352.06	352.06
Ministerial education			325.00
Proceeds, sale of Calif. Hospital Bond		750.00	
Mrs. Mary Lubbrecht endowment, Western Seminary			750.00
Calif. Home Missions Gross receipts and disbursements (less apportionment receipts)		38,987.39	36,874.93
President's Salary			4,000.00
President's expense allowance and pension			1,580.00
Additional expenses allowed President a/c Eastern trips, etc.			688.05
Officer's salaries			225.00
Executive Committee operating expenses			341.82
Home Mission Committee expenses a/c meeting			98.72
Other officer's and committee's expenses			71.65
Postage, stationery and supplies			324.76
Convention travel expenses			540.27
Other convention expenses			116.16
Printing Minutes of Synod		100.00	535.31
Publishing Golden State Lutheran		15.00	376.00
Inaugural Convocation travel expenses			131.64
Other expenses, Inaugural convocation			318.36
Yosemite National Park Church			75.00
Sequoia National Park Church			50.00
Calif. Lutheran Camp revolving fund returned			130.68
Insurance & service fees, Calif. Lutheran Camp			122.60
Miscellaneous receipts and disbursements		107.82	344.71
		$111,667.95	$100,811.17
Total Cash Balance			10,856.78
		$111,667.95	$111.667.95

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SYNOD

December 31, 1945

	Receipts	Disbursmts.
Cash on hand in Synodical Treasury	$4,288.59	
President's Office Fund	2,565.36	
Calif. Home Missions account	3,664.83	
President's Home Mission fund	338.00	
Total Cash on hand		$10,856.78
Notes receivable, general treasury		2,000.00
Notes Receivable, Home Missions account		1,500.00
Deposits on property, returnable		100.00
"Home for the Aged," gross assets		34,441.00
Total Gross Assets		$48,897.89

DETAILED REPORT, CALIFORNIA HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNT

January 1 to December 31, 1945

		Receipts	Disbursmts.
Cash in General Fund, Jan. 1, 1945	$ 3,524.98		
Faith, Long Beach account	38.01		
Altadena Mission account	679.57		
Temple, San Francisco, Improvement Fund	308.00		
Total cash on hand Jan. 1, 1945		$ 4,550.56	
Loans for purchase of properties	11,367.21	11,367.21	$11,875.00
Funds of Missions handled by Treasurer	19,620.15	19,620.15	19,600.00
Temple Church, San Francisco Improvement a/c Congregation's own funds		185.50	493.50
Synod's contribution			704.50
Synod's Loan to congregation		500.00	1,000.00
Surveys made		139.68	319.68
Salaries paid Mission supply pastors		562.50	875.00
Grants to Missions			200.00
Altadena Mission account, returned to Mission			679.57
Special travel allowance, Sacramento Mission			143.19
Miscell. expenses in establishing Missions			345.19
Interest and escrow expenses paid			140.98
Contributions made toward purchase of properties			75.00
Whittier Parsonage account		253.28	196.57
Faith, Long Beach Parsonage account		300.00	126.75
Deposits on lots (returnable)			100.00
Special Home Mission Loan Fund		50.00	
Miscellaneous Receipts		9.07	
Apportionment Receipts		3,339.81	
Cash in hands of President			338.00
		$40,877.76	$37.212.93
Balance on hand December 31, 1945			3,664.83
		$40,877.76	$40,877.76

"HOME FOR THE AGED" FUND

	Receipts	Disbursmts.
Cash on hand January 1, 1945	$ 1,333.26	
Gift of Mr. Henry D. Foster, Los Angeles	15,000.00	
Net proceeds, sale of Sierra Madre property	7,988.33	
Interest on U. S. Bonds	250.00	
Interest on savings accounts	78.07	
		$24,649.66
Deposit on property	100.00	
Taxes, Sierra Madre property	60.15	
Expenses, meeting of Directors	48.40	
		208.55
Cash on hand December 31, 1945		$24,441.11
U. S. Bonds owned cash value		10,000.00
Total gross assets		$34.441.11

Respectfully submitted,

WM. B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was read by the Secretary and adopted by the Convention.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

January 24, 1946

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California:

We have examined the books and the accounts of Mr. William B. Scheehl, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, and find them correct and in order and the balances of $10,518.78 (ten thousand five hundred eighteen and 78/100 dollars) in the general treasury and $24,441.11 (twenty-four thousand four hundred forty-one and 11/100 dollars) in the Home for the Aged fund to be in accord with the balances as shown by the bank statements.

A certification from Rev. J. P. Beasom, president of the Synod, indicates a balance of $338.00 in the President's Home Mission Fund. The Treasurer's records show advances to this fund, approved by the Executive Board in the amount of $1,673.91. Deducting the balance of $338.00 indicates an expenditure of $1,335.91. Supporting documents covered expenditures in the amount of $555.31.

Reimbursement in the amount of $562.50 was received by the Treasurer direct from the Board of American Missions.

In so far as the auditors could determine the President's Home Mission fund appeared to be handled through a personal account of the President. In the interest of sound business practice the funds should be placed in an account in the name of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

O. W. Weibel — H. B. O'Brien

The Report of the Treasurer was adopted by a rising vote to express the appreciation of the Synod to Treasurer Scheehl for the excellent work he has done.

The Rev. Donald W. Endter presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

The Synodical Committee on Publications is emphasizing this year the three aspects of our Synod's relationship with the United Lutheran Publication House, and to this end is asking the delegates to Synod three questions: (1) What can the ULPH do to increase the effectiveness of its merchandising plans in the California Synod? (2) In what fields and upon what subjects do we as a Synod suggest that the Church needs to have books and other literature written and published? (3) What literary abiilty is there in Synod and what can we do to uncover this literary talent and use it for the good of the whole church? We trust that you will consider these questions seriously and that you will promptly and thoughtfully respond to our questionnaire which is in your hands.

Furthermore, we are attempting to secure a representative from the ULPH to personally display the present literature of the Publication House. If this is not possible, we are requesting, at least, that the Publication House send our committee a supply of the present literature, so that our committee may display it at Synod.

The committee is attempting to have the meditations of the 1945 Synodical pre-Lenten retreat published, which has been a request of many. We are noting too, that some have expressed a desire for a systematic study course of the Bible for Church School students, particularly of the New Testament, which could be used in the same way as the Augsburg Lesson Series. The request comes because of the woeful ignorance of our people concerning things Biblical. A manual for missionaries from the Board of American Missions also has been recommended, which would include instructions on how to proceed in building a new church and would incorporate many of the points which Mr. Elwood Bowman set before the conferences during his recent visit to Synod. What other suggested publications do you have in mind?

To accomplish the third phase of our relationship with the ULPH, the committee needs your help. Do you know anyone who has literary ability, might be interested in writing for publication, and is an authority on or has done some research in some aspect of Christianity or Christian endeavor? Neither will be put at the disposal of the Church unless we in the California Synod help to uncover our own literary talent. Help us to help you. Suggest the names of writers or potential writers to our committee.

Respectfully submitted,

DON W. ENDTER, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Henry Scherer, chairman, presented the report on

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The State of the Church, as the report on parochial statistics shows, is one of vigorous growth and activity in California.

There has been a splendid gain in communicant membership. In 1943 and 1944 our Synod showed the largest gain in percentages of any Synod in the United Lutheran Church, and will make a strong bid for that same rank in 1945. The Church is holding up for us an ideal of a ten per cent increase in communing membership each year. Our Synod did better, and we have 25 congregations among the 46 that attained 10% or better (one even topping 100% increase).

Congregations to be commended on a growth of 10% or better in communicant membership include: Alhambra; Altadena; Gardena; Glendale; Hollywood; Inglewood; Los Angeles, Advent; Los Angeles, First English; Los Angeles, St. Mark's; North Hollywood; Oakland, First; Oakland, St. John's; Riverside; Sacramento, St. John's; San Bernardino; San Francisco, First English; San Francisco, St. Matthew's; Sanger; San Diego; San Jose; San Mateo; Santa Barbara; Santa Monica; Vallejo; Westwood.

So rapid has been our growth that fifteen congregations gaining in communing membership lost rank in comparative standing. We have this year three congregations larger than the largest congregation in Synod just a year ago. To keep your place in this Synod you must do as Alice was advised in Wonderland, keep running hard just to keep even.

Only three churches managed to stay in the list of the ten largest gains in communicants only four managed to keep in the top ten in confirmed and baptized gains.

There has been a splendid gain in property value and in all giving. For the second year every congregation has paid 100% on benevolence. Fair increases are shown in Sunday School scholars and catechumens.

There has been a slowing down in evangelism. We have fewer child and but few more adult accessions; larger losses, and smaller gains than for last year.

Stepping up into the next hundred in communing members during the year were: Glendale, Hollywood and Phoenix, Grace—600; Los Angeles, First English, and Sacramento, St. John's reaching 400; Huntington Park and San Diego—300; Alhambra and Inglewood—200; Oakland, St. John's attained 100 for the first time and San Jose comes back past the 100 mark.

For the first time since 1925, Los Angeles, First English shows over 1000 baptized members; San Bernardino reached 500. In confirmed membership Sacramento, St. John's passes the 500 mark.

To God be all the glory for the growth in grace and good works that is manifest in our Church. To us be deeper consecration, and more abundant joy in service in the years before us.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

(See pages 24, 25, 54)

COMPARISON TABLE ON GIVING

Year ending Dec. 31, 1944

Per Capita based on Confirmed Members

Synod	All Purposes	Approximate Benevolence	Total Ben.	Conference Members	Total Expenditures	Total Paid on Benevolence	Total Benevolence
Ministry of Pennsylvania	$15.14	$1.94	$2.90	231,374	$ 3,503,316	$ 450,207	$ 672,595
ULCA	18.86	2.11	3.96	1,284,806	24,238,855	2,722,542	5,094,987
American (Protestant Churches)	19.34	2.15	3.30	30,628,673	492,198,185	94,025,461	99,558,764
Texas	19.96	1.87	3.38	5,796	115,355	10,827	20,239
New York	20.92	1.37	2.99	173,105	3,620,836	517,720	
Northwest	21.45	3.07	4.54	54,015	1,158,709	153,607	243,303
American Lutheran Church	22.00	2.58	5.86	428,584	9,432,607	2,513,036	1,109,935
Augustana	24.56	2.22	7.87	291,932	6,925,112	648,681	2,219,191
California Synod ULCA	28.18	2.40	4.98	12,780	355,087	30,709	63,542

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP OF AVERAGE CONGREGATION

Year	UCLA	% Communing	Gain over last year	Calif. Synod	% Communing	Gain over last year
1941	204	67.41	2	148	57.45	2
1942	205	67.11	1	154	58.17	6
1943	207	66.76	2	173	58.37	19
1944	211	66.91	4	188	60.35	15
1945				195	62.60	7

WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT!

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, organized March 31, 1891.

Year	Churches	Communicants	Year	Churches	Communicants
1891	No Report		1919	30	2966
1892	6	630	1920	30	3060
1893	8	1030	1921	32	3595
1894	9	1179	1922	32	3672
1895	9	1022	1923	33	3819
1896	11	1111	1924	35	3905
1897	12	1194	1925	35	3948
1898	11	1214	1926	37	3752
1899	11	1251	1927	38	4005
1900	10	1297	1928	37	4139
1901	10	1325	1929	36	4254
1902	11	1389	1930	37	4296
1903	13	1516	1931	38	3949
1904	14	1627	1932	36	3790
1905	16	1636	1933	36	3808
1906	18	1732	1934	35	3824
1907	20	1810	1935	36	4172
1908	20	1929	1936	37	4168
1909	20	1927	1937	36	4355
1910	21	2189	1938	36	4699
1911	21	2170	1939	36	5165
1912	24	2314	1940	36	5252
1913	26	2761	1941	38	5615
1914	28	3062	1942	38	5857
1915	28	3816	1943	38	6582
1916	28	3474	1944	41	7713
1917	30	2885	1945	46	8990
1918	30	2921			

The report was adopted.

The Rev. E. A. Trabert, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER

Your Transportation Commissioner was enabled to secure passes for members of the Executive Committee and the Home Mission Committee during the year. He also assisted the family of one of our missionaries, who returned after nearly four years in an interment camp in China, securing transportation to their home in Pennsylvania.

The courtesy of the Southern Pacific Railway is acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

EARNEST A. TRABERT,

Transportation Commissioner.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "THE LUTHERAN"

Your committee on The Lutheran reports that letters of appeal were sent to all the active pastors in the Synod, urging them to put on a campaign and nominating a committee for the purpose of securing new subscriptions for our official church paper.

Few pastors have reported to the committee, but the home office reports to date 101 new subscriptions, and 46 renewals. This is 86 subscriptions less, and 30 more renewals than last year. The Lutheran in its present form is being well received by the church at large, and it would be to the advantage of every congregation to have placed it in every home.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. DYSINGER,
C. F. OEHLER.

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California commend editor G. Elson Ruff and his staff on the recent improvements in The Lutheran.

The Rev. Henry Scherer, the Statistician of Synod, presented the

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

The Parochial report sheets published at this convention of Synod are a part of the report, and will be submitted to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, with the individual report sheet of each congregation.

It has been a real delight to serve you another year as statistician. Joy followed joy in reading on your reports the record of another great year in the growth of our beloved Synod. So far as figures can manifest them, this report shows a year of great working of the Holy Spirit through the lives of the servants of Christ, pastors and laymen in our congregations.

One man, too late for the first three, wrote me, " I want a rose this year." Truly, brethren, your reports have been so vastly improved over last year that I want to buy not three roses but armloads of roses and give them to each of you. Only eleven blanks were late, and the tardiest reached my desk by Jan. 17. Almost every report was neatly and carefully done, and most of them nearly flawless. Thank you for the promptness and carefulness that nearly all of you manifested, and that helped to make a pleasant task doubly delightful. The first three blanks received were from: Fresno, Wartburg, Pastor J. C. Bitter; San Francisco Temple, Pastor Eldon R. Miller; Alhambra, Grace, Pastor Robert J. Marshall.

Some of the increases over 1944 are:

Baptized members	2153 or 11.55%
Confirmed members	1583 or 12.39%
Communing members	1277 or 16.53%

(Only five ULCA Synods gained more than 1277 members in 1944)

Sunday School Scholars	384
Catechumens	261
Members of Men's Societies	61
Members of Women's Societies	38
Members of Mixed Groups	36
Members of Youth Societies	97

Property Value	$260,588
Indebtedness grew only	53,732
Congregational expenditures	59,354
Apportionment Paid	8,103
Unapportioned Benevolence	19,019
Total Expenditures	86,474

May God continue His grace toward us, as He gives us grateful hearts for all His mercies to us, and may He keep us ever faithful stewards of His word.

Respectfully submited,

HENRY SCHERER, Statistician.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. J. Edward Hoick, the Historian of Synod, presented

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL HISTORIAN

The most notable feature of the year has been the increased activity on the part of a number of the Pastors to assemble material for a Historical sketch in commemoration of impending anniversaries. In some cases great difficulty has been experienced in securing photographs and information.

It is highly essential that every Pastor keeps an accurate record of all important events transpiring in connection with his pastorate, since pictures of former houses of worship, photographs of predecessors and an accurate record of events that may be available now, may be impossible to secure in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN EDWARD HOICK, D.D.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, Archivist of Synod, presented the

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

The Archives of the Synod still repose in one of the ground floor rooms in the First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California. This congregation feels highly honored in having the privilege of retaining the Archives of the Women's Synodical along with the records of the Synod.

Copies of the constitutions of newly organized churches have nearly all been filed. Current copies of the Golden State Lutheran and minutes of Synod have been added. Bulletins of special anniversaries and celebrations are solicited. A fire proof cabinet should be jointly purchased by our two state organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, D.D., Archivist.

The report was adopted.

The session was adjourned with prayer led by the Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D.D.

THIRD SESSION

Oakland, California, January 29, 1946, 2:00 P.M.

The opening devotions were conducted by the Rev. Carl V. Tambert, Chaplain, and included a meditation on "The Sinfulness of Sin," based on Genesis 3:4.

The motion prevailed to dispense with Roll Call. The minutes of the previous session were approved as read.

The following guests were introduced and welcomed by the Convention: Sister Adele Dasenbrock, Deaconess at St. Mark's Lutheran Church of San Francisco; Miss Grace Onstead, Missionary of the Board of Foreign Missions; Mrs. Benze; Chaplain Irwin E. Heckman; The Rev. E. A. Mueller, Director of Rural Church Work for the National Lutheran Council, Mr. Robert Payton of Fresno, California, a former member of the Executive Committee of Synod, and Ralph W. Bayless, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society.

The Rev. A. B. Schwertz presented the

REPORT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE AND WESTERN SEMINARY

General Statement

In His infinite goodness God has given Midland and Western Seminary a good year. The enrollment has increased over last year and the morale of the student body and of the faculty has been good. The constituent Synods, as also the United Lutheran Church in America Board of Education, have evidenced greater interest in our college and seminary and have lent them increased support, both moral and spiritual. For all of this we are deeply grateful.

New President. At the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees, Rev. W. P. Hieronymus, Ph.D., was elected eighth president of Midland College and Western Theological Seminary to succeed Dr. Fred C. Wiegman. Dr. Hieronymus had been serving as acting president since June 1, 1945. His inauguration will take place during the commencement exercises on May 22, at which time Dr. Franklin C. Fry, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, will be the principal speaker.

Enrollment. The 59th academic year began auspiciously with an increase in enrollment of 38 per cent as compared with the previous year. This is the highest gain of any U.L.C.A. college. The percentage of Lutheran students is 67, an increase of 10 per cent over last year. Nineteen young men are enrolled as pre-theological students and four young women are preparing themselves as full time parish workers. There are 14 veterans; several times this number are expected to enroll the second semester. Without a dormitory it is becoming increasingly difficult adequately to take care of our boys in view of the acute housing situation in Fremont.

Enrollment for past six years:

	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
Regular	257	456	436	438	203	223
Summer	187	161	171	206	255	288
Total	544	617	607	644	458	511

Finances

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Fiscal Year ending August 31, 1945

INCOME		
Educational and General, Tuition and Fees	$ 34,465.25	
Endowment Investments	5,770.44	
Gifts and Grants	68,201.58	
Sales and Services	482.85	
Other Sources	1,456.00	
Auxiliary Enterprises	40,135.52	
Total Incomes from all Sources		$150,511.64
EXPENSES		
Educational and General	$116,071.67	
Auxiliary Enterprises	34,191.49	
Other Non-Educational Expenses	3,444.86	
Total Expenses — All Sources		153,708.02
Net operating deficit for fiscal year ending August 31, 1945		$3,196.38

Through an amortization plan the college debt is being reduced by $6,000.00 annually.

Forward Midland Compaign: Here is the score for the synods as of January, 1946:

	Quota	Paid
California	$25,000.00	$11,822.51
Kansas	29,466.00	10,256.68
Nebraska	55,228.50	19,711.48
Midwest	51,817.50	8,031.02
Pacific	11,619.00	2,827.43
Rocky Mountain	9,238.50	3,267.90
Texas	19,291.50	2,370.50

California Synod percentage paid to date—47.29%.

Our underpaid faculty sacrificially subscribed more than $3,300.00 toward the Forward Midland Campaign.

The City of Fremont showed its faith in Midland by subscribing over $25,000 toward the Men's Memorial Hall (New men's dormitory). Will our churches show less devotion and loyalty? Let us not put the campaign off; let's put it over!

Prospects For Students

In view of the cessation of hostilities, Midland and Western may, in the Providence of God, enter upon a new era of unprecendented service in educating young men for the holy ministry and young men and women for other types of Christian leadership in the Church and in society. We have been A-bombed into the stark realization that in the period just ahead the supreme emphasis must be upon training for CHRISTIAN leadership or man will destroy himself.

College and universities are expecting peak enrollments in the very near future. Veterans, taking advantage of the "G.I. Bill of Rights," in large numbers are flocking to institutions of higher learning.

If Midland College and Western Seminary are to do their God-intended work well, they must have the necessary facilities, adequate buildings and equipment, and a sufficiently large guaranteed annual income. The Church will be as strong as its leadership is effective; the leadership of the Church will be as effective as the college and the seminary which train the leadership are strong. Water cannot rise above its source.

Recommendations

1. That the convention engage in a session of fervent prayer in behalf of Midland College and Western Seminary and the successful completion of the Forward Midland Campaign.
2. That Synod unremittingly continue the Campaign until the goal of $25,000 is reached and every congregation has completed its solicitation.
3. That Midland and Western be placed upon the synodical apportionment of the California Synod in the amount of $.70 per communing member.
4. That the Secretary of Synod be authorized to send a communication to Dr. Hieronymus (to supplement that which has already been sent by our President) of our good wishes for a successful and happy administration as President of Midland College and Western Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,
Your trustees,
THE REV. JAMES P. BEASOM, D.D.,
THE REV. ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, D.D.

After a brief address by the Rev. T. L. Rinde, Dean of Western Theological Seminary, on the importance of the Church College and Seminary in the life of the church, the recommendations of the committee were considered seriatim and adopted. The report was adopted.

After a ten-minute recess, Dr. C. C. Stoughton, Secretary of Stewardship, of the U.L.C.A., spoke on the new spirit of enthusiasm apparent in the United Lutheran Church and the splendid cooperation of the various Lutheran bodies associated in the National Lutheran Council.

The motion was made and seconded that the President of Synod be instructed to appoint a Committee to prayerfully study and prepare a slate of laymen to guide the members of Synod in the selection of lay-delegates to the forthcoming U.L.C.A. Convention at Cleveland, Ohio.

An amendment to the motion was made that the committee be instructed to select Pastoral delegates as well. The amendment was seconded.

The motion prevailed that this be referred to the Committee on the Constition for a report on the constitutionality of this procedure.

The session was adjourned and was followed by prayer by the Rev. George N. Thompson.

CONVENTION VESPERS

Oakland, California, January 29, 1946, 8:00 P.M.

The service was conducted under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society of Synod. An address was given by The Rev. Oscar Carlson, D.D., Director of Evangelism, of the United Lutheran Church in America. Appropriate music was furnished by the choir of First English Lutheran Church, Oakland. Following the vesper service the delegates and visitors were given a reception by the women of First English Lutheran Church, Oakland.

FOURTH SESSION

Oakland, California, January 30, 1946, 9:00 A.M.

The session was opened with a meditation by The Rev. Carl V. Tambert on "The Unfolding of His Love," based on II Corinthians 5:19.

Roll was called with 45 pastors and 28 lay delegates present. The minutes of the previous session were approved as read.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The report of The Executive Committee was read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California in convention assembled.
Brothers in Christ:

Your Executive Committee for the year 1945 herewith reports its activities since the last meeting of Synod. One special and three regular meetings were held during the past year. The following is a resume of the actions taken.

The Secretary was instructed to have necessary stationery and 1500 copies of the Synodical Minutes printed and distributed.

The Music Committee was allowed an expenditure of not over fifty dollars for building up a Synodical music library.

Provision was made for a visit of the congregations of Synod by the Rev. and Mrs. Hector Magalee.

Authorization was given to sell the Sierra Madre property for $7,500 or more.

Loans from the Board of American Missions were approved as listed in the Home Mission Report.

The following loan from Synod was authorized:

To Temple Church, San Francisco, $1,000 for a period of five years.

The President was authorized to call a meeting of the Board of Management for the Home for the Aged; expenses were defrayed from the Home Fund of Synod.

The President was authorized to visit the Seminaries during the summer to enlist men for our new missions.

Student Jack Glidewell was secured to work for the Home Mission Committe during the summer and fall.

The Marie Louise Lubrecht Endowment Fund was established at Western Theological Seminary with the $750.00 received for the California Lutheran Hospital bond left to Synod by Mrs. Lubrecht.

The resignation of Dr. H. A. Anspach from the Executive Committee and of Dr. A. B. Schwertz from the Home Missions Committee were accepted.

Arrangements were made to have the Rev. William Ash Everest serve at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles.

Approval was given for the salary aid grants for Mission congregations arranged by the Board of American Missions and the Home Missions Committee of Synod.

The following aid grants were made to students preparing for full time Christian service. To Robert Wheatley (Western Theological Seminary) $250.00; to Gene Vosseler (Midland College) $150.00; to Miss Annita Buderer (Baltimore Motherhouse) $250.00.

Seven recommendations presented by the Committee on Ministerial Education were adopted. They appear in the report of that Committee.

Approval was given for a grant of $1200 from the Board of American Missions to St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Vallejo. The equity of the property was fixed at $12,800.

Monthly expenses in the amount of $25.00 were allowed for Miss Grace Onstead, loaned by the Board of Foreign Missions to the Home Missions Committee of Synod for survey work.

The invitation of First English Lutheran Church to hold the 1946 Convention in Oakland, California was accepted. The dates for the meeting of Synod were set for January 28-31, 1946.

Recommendations

We recommend that Synod, subject to approval of the Constitution Committee, receive with a rising vote the applications of Faith Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California; Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona; and Grace Lutheran Church, Culver City.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Paul E. Keck presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

We believe the minutes of Synod have been accurately reported and appropriately presented in the "Proceedings of Synod for 1945." It is to be noted however, by way of clarification of one report, that, out of deference to the late pastor William Dentler's aversion to undue ostentation at burials, his own funeral service was at the Dow Memorial Chapel with about fifty close friends invited to it, and his own pastor, the Rev. Carl Miller in charge, assisted by the Rev. A. E. Isham.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. MILLER.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Herman Lucas presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

A survey of the Women's organizations of the Synod indicates that the purpose of these groups is twofold:

First, to promote interest in the missionary cause of the church at large, and

Secondly, to help in building and strengthening the local congregations.

With the exception of a few churches, nearly every congregation of the Synod has a Women's Missionary Society. They show a splendid progress both in membership and in financial contributions. Our newly organized missions in the North and the South are also well represented.

A few congregations report ladies aids. They are not connected with the synodical organization, but do their part within the congregation and in such manner fulfill a good and useful task.

A large number of women are serving as Sunday School officers and teachers, as Luther League advisers and members of the choir, and in various activities of the local congregation.

We recommend that every congregation of our synod should organize a Women's Missionary Society and that the women of our congregations deserve our deepest appreciation for their unfailing love and loyalty to the Lord's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN LUCAS, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Charles P. Smith presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC

During the months passed, your committee has carried on the activities previously reported, at the last convention of Synod, and is endeavoring to think through various ways of expanding its work.

The beginning of a synodical library of anthem music has been made, and several choirs have borrowed copies of the numbers on hand. The only cost of this service is payment of postage, and replacement of any copies lost. As new numbers are added to the library notice will be sent to all choirs in Synod.

The chairman of the committee has made several further visits to choirs in Synod to speak on the Common Service. It is our observation that, generally speaking, there is much to be desired in the rendering of the Service in our churches. We hope that the recorded version of the Service will again be available soon, after being out of print since early in the war; and when it is again available we suggest that choirs purchase the set of records and study the standard therein represented.

We call attention again to the annual observance of Church Music Sunday, on Cantate, the fourth Sunday after Easter, and suggest that a special effort be made on that Sunday to recognize the work of the choirs, organists and other musicians, and that attention be called on that day to the Church's great heritage of music.

A list of recommended music numbers for Eastertide is being made, and will be sent to all the churches, and similar lists will be provided from time to time throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. SMITH, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Orval A. Awerkamp presented the

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL BOARD

Although the war is officially over, we realize in another sense it is not over, in that so much for which we fought is yet to be attained. Neither will those ends be realized over night but only as the church is awake to take advantage of the opportunities entrusted to her.

Returning service men; families being relocated and reestablished, are going to present opportunities which we must be ready to meet. With this adjustment in the social world, the time is ripe for adjustments in our Church School Education Programs to meet the challenges of the times.

The Parish and Church School Board is thoroughly prepared to offer aid for your general as well as special problems that might arise. There is no end to printed materials to encourage the work and throw light on how to meet the needs of our times. The Parish and Church School Magazine is constantly on the watch for new approaches to Church School work. It is always interesting and encouraging to talk about successes. Ever since the Parish School Magazine has been in existence, it has worked to raise the subscription list to 10,000. Last year it almost reached it. This year victory and more! The subscription list is actually 11,000. In 1939 the subscriptions for the California Synod were 77; 1940. 65; 1944, 183; 1945, 256. The Christian Growth Series of the Sunday School materials, so enthusiastically received, together with the helps of this magazine are a splendid step on the road to Church School success.

Another phase of the Educational program of the church is that of the Vacation Church School. To give it but a single enthusiastic trial is to adopt it as a part of the regular program. It's effect for the two or three more weeks is in itself worth while. The influence upon the scholar's estimate of the alertness of his Sunday School bears fruit throughout the year. Figures offered by the Church Federation of Los Angeles showed that in the County of Los Angeles, there were fifty-eight Presbyterian sponsored schools; eighty-three Methodist; forty-four Baptist and fifteen Lutheran,—including all Lutheran bodies! Are we as Lutherans unmindful of the value of such schools? Are we in the march to meet the oncoming opportunities?

That the Parish and Church School Board of our church has been up and at its task can hardly be questioned, especially after a glance at the recent accomplishments. The first quarters of the Christian Growth Series were com-

pleted and introduced into the Sunday Schools. The Augsburg Uniform Series was revised and made available for congregations for the first quarter of 1945. The text on Christian Family Life was published and promotion on its use was started. All of the regular literature was continued and steps toward the preparation of new literature was made. The ground work for An Enlistment Program to help increase Sunday School enrollment was laid. Leadership education classes and schools were increased and expanded. There was definite development in the services offered to congregations on visual aids. While these indicate only a few of the Boards many past activities, they suffice to win our confidence in the work of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVAL A. AWERKAMP, Secretary.

The motion was made and seconded that this report be adopted.

An amendment to this motion was made that the Church School Secretary be instructed to prepare a paragraph commending the "Released Time" education movement in our State. Seconded and carried. The amended motion was carried.

The Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter presented the

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE ADVISOR OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Luther League activity in the Southern Conference is definitely on the increase. Contributing factors in this increase include:

1. The return of a number of our Service Leaguers. The readjustment of the returning serviceman or woman to Luther League activity presents quite a study in itself and merits the whole hearted attention and prayerful guidance of the local Pastor.

2. A number of Luther League rallies and conventions, with a splendid interchange of fine Christian fellowship among our young people, resulting in a greater sense of loyalty to the Church and a larger concept of its ultimate purpose. Also, in the greater Los Angeles area, various leagues have been benefitted by inter-league fellowship, athletic events, parties, etc.

3. A smoothly working synodical Lutheran League organization with able and consecrated leadership among the young people themselves.

Probably the high spot of the year for the Southern Conference Luther League was the midsummer convention held at the Lutheran Camp in the San Bernardino mountains. Plans are already under way for a full week's convention, including courses in leadership training, the Bible and Church History, in July, 1946. Tentative plans are also being made for a joint convention with the Northern District Luther League sometime during the year.

The Southern District Luther League also wishes to express its sincere appreciation to all the Pastors of the Southern Conference who are taking an increasingly active part in the support of and cooperation with Luther League activities, particularly in the way of guidance and inspiration to the local leagues, and in their attendance at the quarterly conventions.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. KERSTETTER, Advisor.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Harold J. Lorimer presented the

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE ADVISOR

"Christ for the World" was the theme of the 1945 Convention of the Northern Conference Luther League held October 12 to 14, at Grace Church, San Jose, California, where the Conference League was organized twenty years ago. Attendance exceeded all expectations; nearly 250 were registered. Enthusiasm was high; the meetings were a great success.

Gerald Strutz, St. John's, Sacramento, replaces Annita Buderer as president. The latter is now at the Baltimore Motherhouse preparing for full time Christian Service. Harriett Denton, also of St. John's, continues as Secretary. First Church, Sacramento, will be host to the Conference League for the Spring Rally.

Two new senior leagues ,and four intermediate leagues have been added; a substantial league membership increase is noted in several churches. The Bay Area Leagues have banded into a district for special activities. Among the current objectives is the promotion of a California State Convention to be held biennially. Communications have been exchanged with the Southern Conference. The Northern group have extended the first invitation; to San Francisco.

These times are significant for the whole church. There was never a greater urgency for excellence in our labors for Christ—among our youth. Let the church then aid to the fullest that part of her program that is dedicated to keeping her youth for Christ and to winning the unchurched American youth for Christ and His church. There isn't a greater thrill in the world than to be used by God to lift young hearts into the presence of the Savior. That is Luther League work.

Your advisor has enjoyed the close and capable cooperation of the Executive Committee, pastors and sponsors, and the valuable assistance of Sister Adele Dasenbrock.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. LORIMER.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Arthur Alm presented the

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN CAMP

The camp committee has functioned despite the many difficulties that faced it at almost every turn. Cloudbursts, fires, and the usual difficulty with foods during the time of rationing, are just a few of the problems we had to face.

Yet with the help of Almighty God we went ahead and had a very successful camping season. We had planned on having it for a longer time but due to the elements we had to make certain changes in our program. There were about 40 young people who attended the camp from many different churches. Two courses were taught during the encampment. One on the Bible and the other on "The Greater Church." From comments of those who have attended camp they are waiting for the next camp season this summer.

Certain recommendations are offered here by the staff of last year. These recommendations come from experiences that we have had at the camp.

1. More adequate accessability to the camp proper.
2. Facilities for an increased enrollment.
3. Larger staff of councillors.
4. More adequate refrigeration.
5. Installation of an electrical system.

Along with this report is an urgent plea that steps be taken to increase the summer camping program for the whole Lutheran Church, particularly here in the Southeran Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

THE CAMP COMMITTEE,

ARTHUR ALM,
CHARLES SMITH,
CARL MILLER.

The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that we seek cooperation with the other Lutheran bodies in the setting up of an adequate program of Camp faciltiies for our youth, and that we integrate the entire work of Synod in all areas in an enlarged program.

The Committee on the Constitution reported that a nominating committee for lay delegates to the U.L.C.A. Convention was in order, but that a nominating committee for Pastoral delegates was not in order. The President appointed the following committee to nominate lay delegates: The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, The Rev. A. B. Schwertz, and Mr. William B. Scheehl. The committee was instructed to present twice as many names as the number of delegates needed.

The report of the Committee on The President's Report was presented by The Rev. Robert S. Romeis. The motion prevailed that the report be adopted seriatim.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fathers and Brethren:

The report of the President for the year 1945 is a record of splendid advancement within the California Synod. Our heavenly Father has certainly shed upon us His most bountiful blessings, and the presence of the Holy Spirit has been manifested in countless ways. For these blessings we lift our hearts in grateful thanksgiving to our God, and pray that His hand may lead us and His power strengthen us, in facing the challenges, the opportunities, and the responsibilities of the days that lie ahead.

For the consecrated leadership, the untiring efforts, and God-inspired enthusiasm of our President, we cannot adequately express our appreciation. God has indeed favored us in placing one of His most able servants at our head. We commend Dr. Beasom, not only for the faithful work which he is carrying forth among us, but also for the excellent and complete report of the activities of the Synod which he has presented. May God continue to use Dr. Beasom in this great work of building Christ's Kingdom here on the west coast.

In accordance with the President's recommendation, the Necrologist has been requested to arrange a memorial service for the Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D., the late president of the U.L.C.A.

Your Committee wishes to emphasize the following two items set forth in the President's Report.

1. LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION. Never before has such a challenge faced us. The program of L.W.A. must be placed before the people of our congregation with all the urgency that this hour demands. The needs of the world compel us to the greatest expression possible of Christ-like love.

2. MIDLAND "FORWARD CAMPAIGN". The congregations of Synod are urged to fulfill their obligations in this regard. The cause of Midland College must not be slighted.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the suggestions enumerated in the President's Report as a "campaign of advance" for 1946. They are:

1. That the period of Epiphany to Easter be set aside as a time for lay Evangelism in all the churches of Synod. Adopted.

2. That the period from Easter to Pentecost be set aside for an intensive crusade. Adopted.

3. That the fall be given to an all Synod Financial Appeal for funds to underwrite the indebtedness of congregations, and to provide funds for the programs of advance within congregations, (all funds to be raised within the congregation to remain in the congregation). Amended to include, "That the Executive Committee be charged to carry out this resolution." Amended item adopted.

4. That a fund of at least $10,000 be raised for mission advancement. Amendment added, "That this fund be raised by private solicitation among our congregations by the Executive Committee." Amended item adopted.

5. That Synod strive to plant a number of new missions during the year. Adopted.

6. That Synod make some provision for an adequate synodical youth program. The motion prevailed that the President appoint a Committee to make a study of this matter and bring in its findings not later than tomorrow. Action on this item was deferred until the above report could be received.
7. Your Committee also recommends that the delegates be instructed by Synod to call upon their congregations to give special consideration to the items on Salaries and Personnel and Parsonages. Adopted.
8. Your Committee further recommends that a committee be appointed by the President of Synod to study the subject of Retirement Pensions with a view to alleviate the situation of retired pastors and pastors' widows, and also to study the ways in which those on the retirement list might be of service to Synod.

The Rev. W. E. Crouser presented the

REPORT OF NECROLOGIST

It is our sad lot to mourn the loss of several persons that have been identified with the work of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Dr. Frederick Hermann Knubel.

On October 16th, 1945, the United Lutheran Church in America was saddened by the death of its President Emeritus, Dr. Frederick Hermann Knubel. Although he had been a patient sufferer for some time, the news of his death was a great shock to the entire Church which he had served with such marked distinction. He was born in New York City on May 22nd, 1879, and was baptized and confirmed in St. John's Church on Christopher Street and was also ordained in this Church at the age of 26 years. After his graduation from both the College and the Seminary at Gettysburg, he studied at the University in Leipsig, Germany. His first and only pastorate was with the Church of the Atonement in his native city, which he organized and developed. When the United Lutheran Church in America was organized in 1918, he was chosen its first President and served in this office for 26 years. His thoughtful consideration of all concerned, his ability to see the issue clearily, his executive management, and his courageous soul, won the confidence of the entire Church, and will long be reflected in the structure of the Church he was destined to lead so long. In many respects he was a great man of God.

The Rev. Francis Corrigan Pryor.

On May 26th, 1945, the Rev. Francis C. Pryor died in East Los Angeles, Calif., after several years of illness. He was born in Kentucky on February 5th, 1885 and was educated at Wittenberg College and the Hamma Divinity School in Springfield, Ohio. He also studied at the University of Cincinnati. After successful pastorates in Ohio and Nebraska, he came to the First Church in Oakland in 1937. Two years before his death he assumed charge of Grace Church in Santa Barbara, and was obliged to retire because of failing health. Interment took place in Rose Hill Cemetery at Whittier, Calif.

Dr. Peter Altpeter.

On August 8th, 1945, while visiting relatives in Wyoming, the Rev. Dr. Peter Altpeter died suddenly from a heart attack. He was born on May 7th, 1868 in Rochester, N.Y., and was educated at Thiel College, Greenville, Pa. In the Autumn of 1892 he entered Mt. Airy Seminary and was graduated in 1895. He then spent a year at the University of Pennsylvania where he majored in Greek and Hebrew. He served parishes in New York and Pennsylvania before coming to the First Church of San Diego in 1922. Three years later he retired from the active work. Interment was made at Glen Abby Memorial Park at Bonita, California.

Mrs. Bessie Lola Westenbarger.

On July 10th, 1945, the beloved wife of the Rev. B. L. Westenbarger died at her home in Glendale and was laid to rest in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The services were in charge of her pastor, the Rev. Guy L. Hudson. Mrs. Westenbarger was born at Conover, North Carolina, October 16th, 1875. She was graduated from the Concordia Lutheran College, now the Lenoir-Rhyne

College of Hickory, N.C. She was married to the Rev. Westenbarger on June 2nd, 1892, and lived to celebrate their 53rd anniversary. She was baptized in infancy and was confirmed at the age of twelve, and lived a very consistent Christian life being of great help to her husband. Her last work was with the St. Andrew's church in San Mateo in the Spring of 1944, where she was instrumental in the organization of the Women of the Mission.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Oehler.

On May 26th, 1946, the wife of Dr. Charles F. Oehler, Pastor Emeritus of St. John's Church in Sacramento, passed to her eternal reward. The child of pious Lutheran parents, she was baptized in infancy and confirmed in the faith of her parents. In 1890 she was married to the Rev. Oehler who had just received a call to the church in Sacramento. Throughout a long pastorate of more than 45 years, she stood courageously by her husband and by her piety and lovely disposition contributed much to the growth and development of the congregation. Eight children were born into the home, all of whom have made a success of life. In 1936 she retired with her husband from the active work but her great heart and earnest soul remained tied up to the church she served so long and well. She was buried from St. John's Church, her pastor, the Rev. Robert S. Romeis officiating.

A suitable Memorial Service has been arranged. Your Necrologist will be assisted by Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, Dr. Earnest A. Trabert, the Rev. Erwin Vosseler, the Rev. Guy L. Hudson, and Dr. Herbert J. Weaver.

W. E. CROUSER.

The report was adopted.

A motion prevailed that the afternoon session begin at 2:30 instead of 2:00 P.M.

A motion prevailed that we give Mr. Edward Martin, delegate from Altadena, five minutes of the Convention's time.

The motion was made and seconded that Dr. Beasom be instructed to use air travel as often as possible to save time and his energy and thus more effectively to guide the activities of the Synod in reaching souls for Christ.

The motion prevailed that this matter be referred to the Executive Com mittee for action.

The session was closed and led in prayer by the Rev. H. A. Anspach, D.D. It was followed by a Meeting of the Ministerium and a Meeting of the Lay Delegates and Visiting Laymen of Synod, held separately.

FIFTH SESSION

Oakland, California, January 30, 1946, 2:30 P.M.

The session was opened with a Memorial Service, conducted by the Necrologist, Dr. H. J. Weaver, assisted by Dr. H. A. Anspach, and Pastors E. A. Vosseler and Guy L. Hudson in reverent memory of Dr. F. H. Knubel, Dr. Peter Altpeter, the Rev. Francis C. Pryor, Mrs. Mary Ellen Oehler, and Mrs. B. L. Westenbarger.

The motion prevailed to dispense with Roll Call.

The minutes of the prevoius session were approved as read.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the President of Synod be instructed to send a wire expressing our sympathy to Dr. J. J. Raun, past president of the California Synod, who has been confined in a Tuberculosis Sanitorium.

The following were introduced and welcomed by the Convention: The Rev. Robert James, Executive Secretary of the College Religious Conference of San Jose State College; Miss Wilma Westburg, Counselor for Lutheran Students at the University of California, Berkeley; Chaplain Varger, U.S.N., stationed at Treasure Island; and the Rev. and Mrs. Millard Stiles, service pastor at Monterey, California.

The Rev. Arthur C. Knudten presented the

REPORT OF THE STUDENT WORK COMMITTEE

The work of the Student Work Committee has been confined largely to the individual efforts of the various committee members in their respective areas in securing a liaison between the various institutions and the churches of those areas. The active work with the students in the largest centers has been in the hands of student leaders. Miss Wilma Westberg in Northern California and Miss Marjorie Sando in Southern California.

The Statistics for each of the student areas are as follows:

School	Lutheran Preference	Attending Lutheran Groups	Relation to Churches
Southern California	176	45	Not very active
U.C.L.A.	136	25	
City College Los Angeles	74	10-15	50%
Pasadena J. C.	174	15-25	50%
San Diego	50	15-20	
University of California	185	30-40	Church attendance but no Sunday School classes
Sacramento	30	no groups	Visitation by Pastor
San Jose			

In Northern California the various groups of Lutherans are organized into the Lutheran Student Foundation which guides the work of the Student Center on 2311 Bowditch St., Berkeley. The building was purchased at a cost of $7,500 on which an indebtedness of $4,500 still remains. This is a meeting place for our students as well as a dormitory for a limited number. The various pastors participate in the meetings and activities of the Center with Rev. Anderson of the Augustana Synod as the pastoral advisor for the year.

In Southern California, while no such Center has been provided, the group at U.S.C. has been using the Y.W.C.A. to good advantage. It is believed that provision for a Center would be a great help in carrying forward the work in the Los Angeles area. The Luther Associates is the organization of inter-Lutheran groups for this work.

Religious work among the students of State College, San Jose, is being done by a full-time Executive, the Rev. Robert James, who is partly supported by contributions from seven of the leading denominations. Each denomination co-operating, is represented by two members on the Board of Directors.

Not many of the students have the goal of full time church service before them—there are probably three students with the ministry in view and five or six with full-time student work in prospect. In some areas, groups ranging from five to six, or ten to twelve are reported attending church, but in no case does there seem to be support for student classes in church schools. Thus it is apparent that a need exists for concentrated effort on the campus, and adequate liaison between the churches and the campus.

The Board of Education of the U.L.C.A. has made grants to the various areas as follows: Berkeley, $300.00; Los Angeles, $550.00; San Jose, $100.00. Local churches in several areas are giving additional support.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. KNUDTEN, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH WORK

1. That we approve the suggestion of the President of Synod and recommend to Synod the calling of a Pastor as director of Christian Education and Youth work in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

2. That Synod be requested to underwrite this project to the extent of $1,000.

3. That the Church Schools and Luther Leagues of Synod be asked to pledge themselves to the support of this endeavor in the amount of at least $3,000.

4. That the Parish and Church School Committee and advisors of the Luther League be charged with the task of contacting and soliciting pledges from the above organizations.

5. That the Executive Committee be empowered to outline the duties of the pastor and the methods of procedure in the program of Christian Education and Youth Work.

6. That the duties of this pastor shall be limited exclusively to Church School and Youth Work.

7. When in the judgment of the Executive Committee of Synod sufficient funds are in sight to properly support the office, the Committee shall call a suitable pastor for this position.

CARL V. TAMBERT, Chairman,
W. B. SCHEEHL,
DONALD W. ENDTER.

The motion prevailed that the report be considered seriatim.

Item 1. was adopted.

Item 2. was adopted.

Item 3. was amended to read "3,000." and adopted.

Items 4., 5., 6., and 7. were adopted.

The motion prevailed that the whole report be adopted.

The motion prevailed that we request the Executive Committee of Synod to seek the approval of the Executive Committee of The United Lutheran Church in America for the above action.

The motion prevailed that the report of the Committee on The President's Report be adopted as a whole.

The report on the meeting of Lay Delegates and Visiting Laymen of Synod was presented by Mr. Edward Martin, Acting Secretary.

REPORT ON THE MEETING OF LAY DELEGATES AND VISITING LAYMEN OF SYNOD

At the meeting of Lay Delegates and Visiting Laymen of Synod it was unanimously decided to make the following recommendations to Synod:

1. That a special committee be appointed to study the organizational setup of Synod with a view to discovering the need for full time lay workers in order to open larger fields of service for the lay manpower of Synod.

2. That Synod appoint a committee to study the possibility of securing a full-time lay worker for Synod.

3. That the second evening of Synod be set aside so that laymen may have an opportunity to discuss reports, new business, etc., in order that they might act more effectively at the meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD MARTIN, Acting Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The proposed budget for 1946 together with the Recommendations of The Executive Committee was presented to the Convention.

RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. That the budget as proposed be adopted.

2. That the rate of $5.00 per year per communicant member be established for the year 1946, becoming effective with January 1st, 1946, and that the statistician be requested to compile a new apportionment table at once based on the new rate and communicant memberships as reported January 1st, 1946.

3. That the treasurer be empowered to establish a new commercial account with the Bank of America, 55th and Grove Streets, Oakland, branch in which shall be deposited all funds of the California Home Mission fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, these funds to include future apportionment receipts and gifts. Further, that the President and Treasurer be empowered to administer these funds as shall appear to the best interests of the Home Mission work of the California Synod, under such instructions as shall be promulgated by the Executive Committee of the above Synod, and that the signature of either, not both, shall be sufficient on checks drawn against this account.

4. That the Executive Committee be empowered to establish the percentage of distribution of apportionment receipts to the various funds of Synod and further, to allocate such surpluses as may accumulate to those accounts or a regular surplus account to such funds as may appear to them to require additional resources.

Approved,

J. P. BEASOM,
W. B. SCHEEHL,
WM. CAPEL,
H. PAUL ROMEIS,
FRITZ C. NOEL,
ALBERT B. SHWERTZ.

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1946

United Lutheran Church apportionment		$19,820.00
Midland College apportionment 70c per capita on 8990 members		6,300.00
President's salary	$4,800.00	
President's pension	192.00	
President's expense allowance	1,800.00	
Secretary's salary	100.00	
Treasurer's salary	100.00	
Statistician's salary	25.00	
Expenses, meetings of Executive and Home Mission	500.00	
Expenses, other committees	100.00	
Stationery, postage, printing	350.00	
Publishing Golden State Lutheran	500.00	
Travel expenses, Synodical convention	1,000.00	
Other Convention expenses	125.00	
Printing Minutes of Synod (net)	500.00	
Yosemite National Park Church	75.00	
Sequoia National Park Church	50.00	
Ministerial Education	1,000.00	
California Lutheran Camp	150.00	
Per diem allowance, U.L.C.A. delegates (less reserve)	650.00	
Executive Committee operating reserve	750.00	
Total Synodical Treasury budget		12,767.00
California Home Missions Fund		3,000.00
Suggested allowance towards Synodical Youth worker		1,000.00
Total suggested budget		$42,887.00

The recommendations were adopted seriatim.

The motion prevailed that the $2000. surplus to be obtained under this budget be set aside to help defray the expenses of employing a full-time secretary to assist the President of Synod.

The Rev. A. B. Schwertz, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

1945 has been our greatest Home Mission year for Synod, both in the extent of the work done and the number of new congregations ogranized. This has been due in part to the services of our first full-time president, who has given most of his efforts to the cause of home missions. Your committee has cooperated with him in studying, surveying, encouraging and helping the program.

The Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, through its staff headed by the Rev. Zenan M. Corbe, D.D., as executive secretary, has given us both financial support and guidance. Our work could not be done without this help. The Committee wishes to express appreciation to the Board and staff members for this assistance. Moreover, the Committee wishes to thank the Board for the support given the president of Synod in his missionary work.

We are happy to welcome into the fellowship of Synod the five congregations organized during 1945. The first of these was formally received at our spring sessions; the other four will be formally received at this convention.

The Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California, was organized under the direction of Board Missionary Paul Gerberding on January 7, 1945. The Rev. Donald Wagner is the present mission pastor. On June 10, 1945, this congregation dedicated its beautiful house of worship to the Glory of God.

Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona, was organized under the initial leadership of Foreign Missionary Albert Alsop, with the later assistance of Student for the Ministry, Jack Glidewell, on July 8, 1945. This congregation at present is worshipping in the Tucson Y.W.C.A. The Rev. Titus Scholl is the present pastor.

The Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona, was organized under the Missionary-Pastor leadership of the Rev. Donald Endter on July 8, 1945. A large number of members were transferred to the mission by the Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona. The Committee wishes to thank both the pastor, the Rev. H. C. Lindsay, and the congregation for this generous gesture. The mission church is worshipping in a school house in the northeast section of the City.

The St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California, originally started as a branch Sunday School of the First English Ev. Lutheran Church of Sacramento, the Rev. Paul H. Wolpert, Pastor, was organized as a congregation by the Missionary-Pastor, the Rev. Paul Keck, on August 12, 1945. The congregation is worshipping in a reconverted gasoline station.

On June 17, 1946, the Grace Ev. Lutheran Church of Culver City, California, was organized under the leadership of Missionary-Pastor Frederick Wentz. This congregation has had the special assistance of the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., Pastor. The congregation is worshipping in a Boy Scout Hut at present.

The last four missions have well-located and sizeable lots upon which they plan to erect beautiful and adequate church edifices. Mr. Elwood L. Bowman, divisional director of church extension of the Board of American Missions, has visited all of these congregations, as well as the other mission congregations of Synod, and has planned a well prepared and financed program for each church. The Committee is grateful for this visitation.

Your committee has assisted in the re-establishment of the following mission congregations: First English Ev. Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California, the Rev. Robert Hooker, Pastor. A new church edifice is planned. The St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sanger, California, the Rev. J. S. Herold, D.D., Pastor. The St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California. The Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, California, the Rev. George Spindt, Pastor. This congregation's building is being rebuilt and beautified.

The following congregations have been granted assistance through the Board of American Missions:

St. Michael's Ev. Lutheran Church, Berkeley, California, for the purchase of a parsonage: $9,000.00.

Advent Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California, for the purchase of a parsonage and the refinancing of the church edifice: $16,000.

First Ev. Lutheran Church, San Bernardino, California, for the erection of a new parsonage: $5,000.

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, California, for the reconstruction of the church edifice: $1,800.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California, for the purchase of a parsonage: $6,950.

Whittier Mission, Whittier, California, for the purchase of a parsonage: $7,800.

Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona, for the purchase of a church property: $3,500 and for the purchase of a parsonage: $8,500.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona, for the purchase of a Church property: $5,250.

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Culver City, California, for the purchase of a Church property: $2,000.

Temple Ev. Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California, for reconstruction of the church a grant from the Board of $250.

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vallejo, California, for parsonage reduction a Board grant: $1,200.

The following congregations have been approved for salary aid from the Board for 1946:

Altadena Ev. Lutheran Church, Altadena, California, $1,800.

Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Inglewood, California, $1,380.

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Oakland, California, $360.

Temple Ev. Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California, $1,200.

St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Mateo, California, $1,620.

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, California, $1,080.

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vallejo, California, $1,200.

First Ev. Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California, $1,800.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona, $1,800.

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California, $2,100.

Board Missionary salary continued for the present at Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California; Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Culver City, California; Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona; Whittier Mission, Whittier, California.

The following congregations, other than those already named in this report, have mission loans: First, Fresno; Bethany, Los Angeles; St. Paul's, Los Angeles; St. Paul's, Sanger; Grace, San Jose; St. Paul's, Santa Monica.

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Gardena, California, the Rev. J. Emory Ackerman, Pastor, is to be congratulated on attaining complete self-support both as to salary and loan.

The Rev. Paul Gerberding, Board Missionary, entered the west side of Whittier, California, and began services in a hall on September 9, 1945. A large number has already signed the charter membership roll, and it is anticipated that the new congregation will be organized early in the year.

The Rev. Earl Johnson, Board Missionary, has just entered the Ocean Beach, Loma Portal area of San Diego, with the anticipation of beginning services and organizing a congregation. Mr. John Titlow, a member of the First Lutheran Church, San Diego, living in the new area, has promised to give to the new congregation either $2,000 or a lot upon which a church edifice may be erected.

The Rev. L. A. Failing, a recently discharged navy chaplain, is making a survey of the northwest area of Burbank in contemplation of organizing a congregation.

Ten new fields have been requested and granted by the Regional Lutheran Home Mission Councils for surveys and occupancy if the fields warrant a Lutheran Church; Northern section of Richmond, California; Santa Rosa, California; Santa Cruz, California; Redding, California, Las Vegas, Nevada; Reno, Nevada; Brawley, California; El Centro, California; Santa Maria, California; Yuma, Arizona. Miss Grace Onstead has been employed as a synodical worker on surveys. The Board of American Missions will have the director of surveys for the Board on our territory early in February.

U.L.C.A. members on the Regional Lutheran Home Mission Councils of the National Lutheran Council are: Northern California—The Rev. H. Paul Romeis and the president of Synod. Southern California—The Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D. and the president of Synod. The Home Mission Committee of Synod wishes to commend these two regional councils for the splendid work they are doing.

Synod is indebted to the Women's Missionary Society of Synod and the Northern and Southern Conferences of the synodical society for their interest and contributions to missions. These loyal missionary women of the Church have and are assisting every newly organized mission of the Synod and some that need special help.

Many of the local congregations have made individual contributions to the missions of Synod, both in equipment and funds. We wish to express our appreciation to each and to encourage all of the congregations to have a part in 1946.

The Home Mission Committee of Synod has met jointly during the year with the Executive Committee of Synod, although keeping its work and its minutes separate. This has been done to coordinate the work and to expedite business. All of the members of the Committee have been faithful.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That we give thanks unto Almighty God who has directed and blessed our missionary efforts.
2. The Synod, by a rising vote, express gratitude to the Board of American Missions and the members of the staff of the Board for their help and guidance.
3. That our representative to the Convention of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society express to the women, the gratitude of this convention and of Synod as a whole for the contributions to the missions of Synod.
4. That we express the appreciation of Synod to Board missionaries: The Rev. Paul Gerberding, the Rev. Donald Endter, the Rev. Frederick Wentz and the Rev. Paul Keck, as well as Foreign Missionary Albert Alsop and Student Jack Glidewell, for their efforts in organizing congregations in Synod.
5. That we express the gratitude of Synod to the Pastor and Congregation of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, of Phoenix, Arizona, for their part in the establishment of Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, of Phoenix.
6. That this Synod, in Convention, take note of the illness of the Rev. Zenan M. Corbe, D.D., the Executive Secretary of the Board of American Missions, and that the Chaplain of Synod be requested to remember Dr. Corbe in his prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert.....Secretary
Mr. William B. Scheehl.....Treasurer
The Rev. Henry Scherer.....Statistician
The Rev. A. B. Schwertz, D.D.....Archivist
Mr. L. S. Johnston.....Lay Member on Home Missions Committee
The Rev. Carl V. Tambert.....Clerical Member from the South on the Home Missions Committee

Dr. C. C. Stoughton addressed the Convention, speaking on the various boards of the U.L.C.A.

The report of the meeting of the Ministerium was adopted.

REPORT ON THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met on Wednesday, January 30th, at 12:00 noon.

The following recommendations of the Examining Committee were adopted:

1. That the following be received into the membership of Synod through transfer of membership from a constituent Synod of the United Lutheran Church: The Rev. Milus Bonker from the Iowa Synod, The Rev. Titus R. Scholl, The Rev. Frederick A. Smith, Th.D. from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, The Rev. Charles A. Miley, The Rev. Carl V. Tambert and The Rev. Earl J. Johnson from the Synod of the Northwest.

2. That the Rev. Loraine A. Failing be received upon the receipt of a certificate of transfer from the Synod of New York.

3. That Lester D. Keasey, a licentiate of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, be ordained and his name placed on the roster of Synod.

4. That interim ordination be made possible after a satisfactory endorsement of a candidate by the Examining Committee and the Executive Committee of Synod.

5. That Mr. Robert Wheatley be re-licensed for a period of one year.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Eldon Miller.

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary.

The session was closed with prayer led by The Rev. H. J. Weaver.

In a special service at 8 P.M. Mr. Lester D. Keasey was ordained into the Gospel Ministry. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Ernest A. Trabert.

SIXTH SESSION

Oakland, California, January 31, 1946.

The sixth session was opened with a meditation by the chaplain on "The Cost to God" as based on Luke 23:27-48.

The motion prevailed to dispense with Roll Call.

The minutes of the previous session were approved as read.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The report of the Social Missions Committee was received and tabled until further recommendations could be added by the Committee.

Dr. Oscar W. Carlson briefly outlined to the Convention the following seven steps of Evangelization:

1. Motivate our people to be evangelistic.
2. Identify those whom we are to win for Christ.
3. Cultivate those we have identified.
4. Confront these cultivated prospects with the need for a decision. (Visitation Evangelism.)
5. Instruct them in the Word.
6. Receive them according to prescribed practice.
7. Assimilate them into the life of the congregation.

Mr. William Capel and Mr. Fritz Noel were elected as the lay members of the Executive Committee.

The motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Mr. William Capel, Mr. Fritz Noel and Dr. H. J. Weaver as members of the Board of the Home for the Aged.

The Rev. Henry I. Kohler, D.D., presented the

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Social Mission Society of the Southern Conference, an affiliate of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and a Beneficiary of the Samaritan Society, a corporation operating under a State Charter in Southern California, has made progress during the year as the report will show.

The receipts for the year beginning January 1, 1945 and ending December 31, total $4,043.97.

Disbursements: $90.00 given for family and individual welfare; Lutheran Welfare Council $838.50; Miscellaneous $180.58, including the Daily Message, "Light For Today" for use in the Calif. Lutheran and Santa Monica Hospitals by the Chaplain; invested in the Coast Federal Loan Association $2,000. Total $3,109.08 with a balance of $934.89. Our total investment in the Coast Federal Loan Association is $5,218.85.

The annual Roll Call for memberships this year is by action of the Board of Managers carried on through the congregations as our Reformation Sunday was allocated for the Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California for an all Lutheran Reformation Festival, therefore no annual meeting was held as has been our custom. Th membership dues are $1.00 or more annually.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY IRVING KOHLER, D.D.,
President, Board of Managers.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Frederick K. Smith briefly addressed the convention sketching the excellent results obtained in their drive for clothing for Lutheran World Relief.

The Rev. A. B. Schwertz, D.D., presented the following Special

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Lutheran Hospital Society of Southern California is celebrating its 25th Anniversary on February 1st as the date when the Society began its hospital work in the operation of The California Hospital, Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS: The Lutheran Hospital Society of Southern California has brought great credit to the Lutheran Church and now operates the California Hospital, The Santa Monica Hospital, The Loamshire Hospital and Convalescent Home and the California Lutheran Camp and

WHEREAS: The pioneer Lutherans who started this humanitarian service had demonstrated the importance of Christian social work and set an example for Lutherans throughout America and

WHEREAS: Such social work activity is in accordance with Christ's example and teachings so as to have a living Church
Therefore be it

Resolved that this convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California recognize the 25th Anniversary celebration of The Lutheran Hospital Society and urge all of our churches to distribute the Society's pamphlet "25 years of Lutheran Service" in all churches on February 3rd and be it
Further

Resolved that we extend to the Directors and Society members our congratulations and our sincere thanks for their 25 years of service to the sick and injured in the name of Christ and our Church.

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ.

The Resolution was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Constitution was presented and the motion prevailed that it be referred back to the Constitution Committee for revision.

The Rev. Clifford B. Holand presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The files of this committee carry names of eleven young men and one young woman who are college, seminary or motherhouse students planning to enter the full time work of the church. Aid grants to the extent of $650 for these students have been approved by the Executive Committee of Synod.

There have been several meetings of the Ministerial Education Committee during the past year. Recommendations made by the committee and approved by the Executive Committee of Synod on November 13, 1945, include the following:

1. That the suggested procedure in the selection and guidance of men for the Gospel ministry as outlined in the newly printed forms of the Ev. Lutheran Church be the accepted approach of our Synod.
2. That students be aided on the basis of needs rather than flat amounts.
3. That students receiving railroad fare only, be required to fill out the forms recommended by the Board of Education.
4. That women planning full time service in the Church be given the same consideration for aid as men.
5. That the treasurer of Synod send checks for aid to the Committee on Ministerial Education for forwarding to the students.
6. That each student arrange for an annual visit with a member of the Committee on Ministerial Education or some designated representative.
7. That we request the Board of Education to pay travelling expenses of women on the same basis as men.

Your committee wishes to thank the Pastors and the officers of Synod as well as the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church for the aid rendered during the past year. We believe that only through continuous effort and prayerful consideration will we be able to produce an adequate number of high-calibered men and women for full-time service in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD B. HOLAND.

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California shall be the trustees of the Synod.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., presented the

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

For four years we have had the privilege of being your Stewardship Committee Chairman, and we have enjoyed the privilege more than you will ever know.

The Statistical record of the Synod is well known to you and clearly outlined by our most capable treasurer.

We regret that due to previous commitments we were unable to attend the conference recently called by our national president. We are still in the one hundred percent column; let us stay there. With the blessing of God we move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, D.D.,
Chairman, Stewardship Committee.

The report was adopted.

The report on Lutheran World Action was presented: The motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted. The Rev. Ross Hidy, National Lutheran Council Defense Area Pastor, spoke on the work being done by the National Lutheran Council in its ministry to migrant workers, the locating of new mission fields. He pointed out that the Lutheran Church has done more in housing areas than all the other Protestant denominations combined. The Rev. August Claus reported on the work he and Pastor Lucas are doing among the

prisoners of war in California. The motion prevailed that we express our appreciation to Pastors Claus and Lucas for the work they are doing among the prisoners of war by a rising vote of thanks.

The motion prevailed that Synod exert every effort to raise our just share of the $10,000,000 Lutheran World Action goal.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your Resolutions Committee offers the following resolutions:

1. We deeply appreciate the kind hospitality extended to us by the pastor, choir and members of First Lutheran Church of Oakland, Calif. in offering their church for the use of this convention and we recommend that this body express its gratitude by a standing vote and that this resolution be presented to the congregation at a public service.

2. We recommend that this body express its sincere thanks to Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, Stewardship Secretary of the U.L.C.A. and official representative of the U.L.C.A. to Synod and Dr. Oscar Carlson, Director of Evangelism of the U.L.C.A. for the inspiration of their presence and messages at this convention.

3. Whereas the Rev. Dr. Peter Altpeter and the Rev. Francis C. Pryor, faithful servants of this Synod for years, have been removed from the church militant to the church triumphant, we hereby express our great sense of loss and invoke the blessing of heavenly comfort on those near and dear to them.

4. We recommend that the Executive Committee appoint a committee of three to create interest and enthusiasm in bringing the U.L.C.A. convention to San Francisco in 1950, and devise ways and means to raise the necessary funds to bring the convention to the Pacific Coast.

5. We recommend that Synod publish the Golden State Lutheran monthly and that it be made a paper of congregational and synodical promotion.

6. We recommend that the annual Synodical Bulletin and the tentative Synodical Agenda be mailed to the pastors and lay delegates of Synod at least one week before the opening of Synod to facilitate well-prepared, intelligent action on the great volume of important business coming before the Synod Convention. The deadline for all reports except those of the treasurer and statistician shall be January 1st.

7. Resolved that we express deep and humble gratitude to our Father God for the great material advancement and spiritual growth which He has granted this Synod throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RESOLUTIONS..COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted seriatim.

The motion prevailed that item 5 be referred to the Executive Committee.

Th motion prevailed that action on the amendment referred to the Committee on the Constitution with reference to merging he Executive and Home Misisons Committee be deferred for one year.

Invitations from Grace Church, Santa Barbara; First English Lutheran Church, Hollywood; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Beach, inviting the Synod for 1947 were received and referred to the Executive Committee for action.

The Rev. Guy L. Hudson presented the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Letters were received from the Secretary of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, from Hollywood Lutheran Church, Hollywood, and from Trinity Lutheran Church, Long Beach, extending an invitation to Synod to convene there in 1947.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. GUY L. HUDSON, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Charles P. Smith presented the

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Annual meeting of the Southern Conference January 31, 1946, in connection with the meeting of Synod. The following officers were elected: The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., President; the Rev. Robert Kerstetter, Ph.D., Vice-President; the Rev. Charles P. Smith, Secretary; the Rev. Arthur Alm, Treasurer.

Conference authorized the payment of $400.00 into the proposed $10,000 fund for Home Mission work of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. CHARLES P. SMITH, Secretary.

The Rev. Philip W. Bergstresser presented the

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The following officers were elected for the year 1947: President, The Rev. H. Paul Romeis; Vice-President, The Rev. J. Edward Oslund; Secretary, The Rev. P. Bergstresser; Treasurer, Mr. Robert Paden.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. P. W. BERGSTRESSER.

The reports were adopted.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE

Your committee wishes to re-call to the attention of the members of Synod, the importance of the Foreign Mission program of the United Lutheran Church in America, especially in the immediate future. With the coming of peace, new opportunities in the foreign missions field will demand the interest and prayers of every member of the Church. We would urge that each pastor re-study his program, evaluating the emphasis now being placed on foreign missions, and endeavoring to make a larger place for that emphasis in order that it might be brought home to all our people.

During the year we were privileged to have on our territory Mr. and Mrs. Hector Magalee, students from British Guiana, who made an extensive itinerary. This was well received, and reports indicate that their visit gave a strong stimulus for further interest. We regret that the Rev. Paul Lewis from Liberia was not able to visit our churches as planned, and hope that other missionaries may come to our congregations in the future.

We are unable to report on observance of Foreign Missions Day in Epiphany of this year, or as to how many congregations or schools participated in the giving of special funds asked for at this time. But we feel that this special appeal should be a regular event, especially in all our Church Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

THE REV. EDWARD N. SPIRER,
THE REV. E. A. TRABERT, D.D.,
THE REV. CHARLES P. SMITH.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

We, your Committee, beg to submit the report on excuses: The following have requested that they be excused due to disability—Dr. John A. M. Zeigler, Dr. Daniel J. Snyder, Dr. William F. Poat, Dr. John R. Broyer, Dr. H. Yearian, also Rev. Norman N. Harter, Rev. B. L. Westenbarger, Rev. H. C. Lindsay, Rev. Homer L. Bosserman. We, therefore, recommend that they be excused and that they be remembered in special prayers.

The following have sent their excuses and we recommend they be excused: Drs. J. S. Herold, John B. Nield, John Edward Hoick, A. J. Soldan, William C. Miller, and A. E. Isham, also from part of the sessions, Drs. Earnest A. Trabert, C. F. Oehler and Guy L. Hudson.

We would further recommend that all of our Chaplains be excused from attendance or part attendance at the Convention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. J. Edward Oslund presented the

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MISSIONS

The activity of your committee during the past year has consisted very largely of supplying materials to the various churches, as well as providing reprints of the pamphlet "Lutherans Believe." Beyond this your Committee has little to report in the nature of activity.

It is learned that welfare councils have been organized in both Northern and Southern California and are already under way. Northern California has engaged a social service worker and is proceeding with plans to open branch offices in such localities as the need indicates. Your committee commends most heartily these councils to the Synod and urges your support and prayers.

Attention should be called as well to the appeal of the National Lutheran Council which is under way. The President of the Synod, as well as the chairman of your committee attended meetings of the National Lutheran Council in Chicago, where reports were given by individuals who had seen first-hand the sufferings and the need of the people in the war zones. Of these reports you will hear more as time goes on. Suffice it to say that the need is compelling and imperative, and the major portion of the sums collected in this appeal will be used in such relief. In addition, sums will be used to continue and enhance our work here at home. We urge the whole hearted support of both your prayers and means.

Your committee, alarmed at the unprecedented rise in juvenile delinquency, and at the problem of intoxicating liquors as revealed in the fact that in our state the per capita consumption of liquors was greater than in any other, as well as at the break-down of home and family life as evidenced in an increasing divorce rate, makes the following recommendations:

1. That Synod appoint a full-time director of youth activities, whose duties shall be to inaugurate and encourage youth programs in our congregations as well as to advise and counsel with pastors on youth problems.
2. That youth centers be encouraged and developed where possible either under synodical or local auspices.
3. That each pastor arrange for meetings in his parish where parents and other adults have opportunity to become informed of juvenile problems and delinquencies. These meetings should be addressed by an authority in the field.
4. That family altars and family worship be earnestly urged.
5. That the evils and dangers of intoxicating liquor be presented to our people in a positive and constructive manner. Such presentation to be made by each pastor or by a synodical committee as the Synod may direct.
6. That the Synod go on record as expressing appreciation of the evangelism program under the expert leadership of Dr. Oscar W. Carlson.
7. That there be greater participation in the program of the American Bible Society, particularly in the stress of Bible reading and observance of Universal Bible Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

SOCIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Publicity Committee was received and referred back to the committee for revision.

THE REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Your committee finds that present conditions of transportation are such that provisions for reimbursement to synodical delegates as provided by the constitution are no longer flexible enough or adequate.

We recommend that the Executive Committee study this matter and submit suggestions for correcting it.

We approve the claims for:

Clerical delegates totalling	$688.73
Lay delegates	430.92
Mrs. George Hook, Stenographer	10.00
Mr. Henry Hiller	5.00

Claims of L. D. Keasey, Assistant Pastor of Trinity Church, Pasadena $25.64, and the Rev. Dr. Frederick Smith, Executive Secretary of Lutheran Welfare Council for like amount have been filed. The Committee finds no precedent for allowing claims of this nature and we request instruction from Synod.

THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that assistant pastors be allowed traveling expenses and that this action be referred to the Committee on the Constitution for approval.

The motion prevailed that we pay the traveling expenses of executives of the National Lutheran Council on our territory who are members of our Synod.

The motion prevailed that we request the Constitution Committee to make a study of the travel allowance to Synodical conventions in view of the need for provision for associate pastors, social work agency secretaries, deaconesses and others.

The report on the nominations of lay delegates for the U.L.C.A. Convention was received. Further nominations were made from the floor. The following delegates were elected: Clerical: Rev. H. Paul Romeis, the Rev. Carl V. Tambert, the Rev. Robert Kerstetter, the Rev. Robert J. Marshall; Alternates, the Rev. J. George Dorn, the Rev. A. B. Schwertz, the Rev. Henry Scherer, the Rev. E. A. Vosseler, the Rev. H. A. Anspach. Laymen: Mr. F. J. Bowman, Mr. William Scheehl, Mr. F. Noel, Mr. William Steffenhagen and Mr. H. A. Weisman. Alternates: Mr. F. Jensen, Mr. Arthur Hansen, Mr. L. S. Johnston, Mr. J. H. Jendresen and Mr. H. G. Vogel.

Mr. P. O. Narveson presented the

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

During the past year the Synod Public Relations Committee has worked on the preparation of several matters of interest and importance.

Perhaps the largest individual effort was the publicity on the inauguration of Dr. J. P. Beasom, Jr., as full time president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California. This installation took place, as you will recall, in the latter part of January, 1945. It was the source of publicity stories released to the Press not only in California and Arizona, but to newspapers nationally through the Associated Press and the United Press.

During the course of the year many other events have been written up and released to California newspapers.

Generally speaking, the public relations work of the Synod has been put under two types:

1. Information and material released from the headquarters of the President, Dr. J. P. Beasom, Jr. In most instances these matters naturally related to information of state-wide significance.
2. The local activities of individual churches. Generally speaking these consisted of—A. Weekly publicity releases by pastors. B. His advertising in community papers.

Such publicity releases dealt with the Sunday sermon topic, special music or other matters of interest. Included also have been the activities of the brotherhoods and other local church organizations.

In addition to these story releases, many churches are utilizing space in their community newspaper. In Southern California several local church groups use small paid space in the Saturday issue of the Los Angeles Times.

It is hoped that during the coming year various city groups will unite on a joint weekly newspaper advertisement calling attention to their location and attractions for the week.

It is hoped also that more material will be released in the way of publicity stories so that the United Lutheran Church in California will become better known everywhere.

The committee has discussed the possibility of preparing a group of suggested newspaper advertisements that might be offered to local churches. Further discussions with Dr. Beasom on this subject are planned.

Your committee also was represented at a recent public relations meeting of the various Lutheran churches. Present were members from several synodical organizations. The chairman of your committee was appointed chairman of a joint committee to investigate the possibility of recording a plan of joint Lutheran public relations activities in the Southern part of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

P. O. NARVESON, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be instructed to study possibility of raising the salary of the Statistician from $25. to $50.00 a year.

The motion prevailed that we refer the matter of changing the name of Synod to the Executive Committee for recommendations.

The motion prevailed that the Common Service Book Committee of the U.L.C.A. be asked to consider revising the General Prayer to include at the appropriate place the words "and in the air".

The officers elected for the coming year were installed and the Fifty-fifth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California was officially closed with the Order for Closing of Synods.

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR., President,
PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the minutes of the Fifty-fifth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, held in First English Church, Oakland, California, January 28, 29, 30, 31, 1946.

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary.

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — NORTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning January 1, 1946

Apportionment rate $5.00 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Alcatraz and Benvenue	175	$ 73.00	$ 876.00
Fresno	First	630 Ferger Ave	225	94.00	1,128.00
Fresno	St. Paul's	California and Lotus	138	58.00	696.00
Fresno	Wartburg	561 D Street	37	11.00	132.00
Oakland	First	659 16th Street	263	110.00	1,320.00
Oakland	St. John's	55th and Edgerly	101	42.00	504.00
Richmond	Grace	Barrett and 13th	250	104.00	1,248.00
Sacramento	First English	4th Ave and 39th St.	211	88.00	1,056.00
Sacramento	St. John's	1701 L St.	440	183.00	2,196.00
*Sacramento	St. Paul's	659 16th Street	15	6.00	72.00
San Francisco	First English	1357 Geary St.	64	27.00	324.00
San Francisco	St. Mark's	1135 O'Farrell St.	345	144.00	1,728.00
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	4281 16th St.	126	53.00	636.00
San Francisco	Temple	15 Latona St.	46	19.00	228.00
Sanger	St. Paul's	1122 N St.	30	13.00	156.00
San Jose	Grace	Julian and 2nd	126	53.00	636.00
San Mateo	St. Andrew's	Masonic Hall	93	39.00	468.00
Vallejo	St. Paul's	1309 Tuolumne	86	36.00	432.00
TOTALS FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA			2,771	$1,153.00	$13,836.00

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning January 1, 1946

Apportionment rate $5.00 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Alhambra	Grace	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	244	$ 102.00	$ 1,224.00
Altadena	Altadena	197 W. Foothill Blvd.	73	30.00	360.00
Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	100 N. Doheny Dr.	219	91.00	1,092.00
*Culver City	Grace	4267 Overland Ave.	36	15.00	180.00
Gardena	St. John's	1102 W. 163rd St.	96	40.00	480.00
Glendale	First	233 S. Kenwood St.	658	274.00	3,288.00
Hollywood	Hollywood	1733 N. New Hampshire	648	270.00	3,240.00
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	2721 E. Florence	301	125.00	1,500.00
Inglewood	Holy Trinity	85th and Crenshaw	206	86.00	1,032.00
*Long Beach	Faith	3040 Santa Fe Ave.	51	21.00	252.00
Long Beach	Trinity	8th and Linden	271	113.00	1,356.00
Los Angeles	Advent	1329 S. Alvarado	163	68.00	816.00
Los Angeles	Bethany	7011 S. San Pedro	175	73.00	876.00
Los Angeles	First English	3119 W. 6th	459	191.00	2,292.00
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1122 W. 36th Pl.	161	67.00	804.00
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	3010 Eagle St.	40	17.00	204.00
No. Hollywood	St. Matthew's	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	286	119.00	1,428.00
Pasadena	Trinity	997 E. Walnut	324	135.00	1,620.00
*Phoenix	Faith	Camelback Rd. & 8th St.	71	30.00	360.00
Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	1124 N. 3rd St.	600	250.00	3,000.00
Redlands	First	E. Olive at Myrtle	90	38.00	456.00
Riverside	Trinity	3911 Walnut	80	33.00	396.00
San Bernardino	First	631 6th St.	171	71.00	852.00
San Diego	First	1320 2nd Ave.	310	129.00	1,548.00
Santa Barbara	Grace	1109 Anacapa St.	65	27.00	324.00
Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Lincoln and Washington	275	115.00	1,380.00
*Tucson	Our Saviour's	738 N. 5th St.	72	30.00	360.00
Westwood	Village	1500 S. Sepulveda	74	31.00	372.00
TOTALS OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE			6,219	$2,591.00	$31,092.00
TOTALS OF BOTH CONFERENCES			8,990	$3,744.00	$44,928.00

STATE OF THE CHURCH

(See also pages 22 through 25)

CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Year	No. Church	Rank in ULCA	S. S. Pupils	Property Value	Total Expenditures	Rank in ULCA
1945	46	18	5367	$1,595,186	$441,561	
1944	41	19	4983	1,334,598	355,087	13
1943	38	21	4407	1,231,039	276,332	16
1942	38	21	4025	1,177,773	235,587	16
1941	38	21	4613	1,175,131	195,575	17
1940	36	21	4515	1,189,627	176,438	17
1939	36	20	4545	1,145,131	167,374	17
1938	36	19	4359	1,531,904	174,431	16
1937	36	22	4168	1,444,452	161,290	19
1936	37	22	4065	1,475,833	281,809	13
1935	36	22	4186	1,622,595	136,334	20
1934	36	22	4327	1,789,250	143,474	18
1933	36	23	4185	1,530,425	134,435	19
1932	36	23	4079	1,608,032	146,154	21
1931	38	24	4013	1,681,505	201,220	19

CALIFORNIA SYNOD
GROWTH

Year	Commun. Memb.	Memb. Gain	Percent	Rank in ULCA	Paid Apportmt.	Rank in ULCA
1945	8990	1277	16.53	19?	$38,812	
1944	7713	1131	17.03	20	30,709	15
1943	6582	725	12.38	21	23,408	18
1942	5857	242	4.32	22	17,500	19
1941	5615	363	6.93	22	14,389	19
1940	5252	87	1.68	22	13,562	19
1939	5165	466	9.91	21	11,489	19
1938	4699	434	10.17	22	10,237	19
1937	4265	97	2.33	25	10,332	23
1936	4168	—33	—.79	25	8,940	23
1935	4201	214	5.62	25	8,437	23
1934	3987	179	4.96	25	8,229	22
1933	3808	18	.47	25	7,456	24
1932	3790	—159	—4.03	25	8,502	23
1931	3949	—347	—8.79	25	13,084	21
1930	4296	42	.99	25	13,690	21

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Index Number		MEMBERSHIP													Index Number
		RS				ADULT MEMBERS									
				Gain or Loss		Accessions					Losses				
		By Dismissal	Total	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism	By Confirm.	By Certificate	By Restoration	Total	By Death	By Certificate	By Dismissal	Total	
		6	B			7	8	9	10	C	11	12	13	D	
1.	Berkel		1	8		3	7	12	14	36	1	4	56	61	1.
2.	Fresno		21	9		9	13	17	12	51	3	12		15	2.
3.	Fresno	4	8		8		4	2		6	12			12	3.
4.	Fresno		6	7			6			6	2			2	4.
5.	Oaklan		7	16		5	6	39	24	74	1	5		6	5.
6.	Oaklan		2	6		2	9	3	20	34	4	3	1	8	6.
7.	Richm	30	73	32		1	38	41	21	101	1	10		11	7.
8.	Sacran	10	22		3	13	12	1	10	36	3	2	33	38	8.
9.	Sacran	9	15	27		10	29	34	21	94	8	6	7	21	9.
*10.	Sacran			27			37	13		50					10.
11.	San Fr			3		1	13	1		15	1	2		3	11.
12.	San Fr	5	16	29		14	17	30	59	120	7	27	65	99	12.
13.	San Fr	6	11	1		5			8	13	4		2	6	13.
14.	San Fr	120	122		109		5	10		15	1		82	83	14.
15.	Sanger		9	8			9		13	22	3	4		7	15.
16.	San Jo	6	6	12		3	17	37		57	1		2	3	16.
17.	San M		12	23		1	17	19	20	57	3	12		15	17.
18.	Vallejo	5	8	17		3	12	4	7	26		14		14	18.
	194	195	339	225	120	70	251	263	229	813	55	101	248	404	1945
	194	155	256	252	94	69	145	284	251	749	55	61	167	283	1944
	Inc	40	83		26	1	106			64		40	81	121	Inc.
	Dec			27				21	22						Dec.
19.	Alham		7	29		3	8	31	95	137	1	9	1	11	19.
20.	Altade		3	21		3	3	12	29	47					20.
21.	Beverl	5	7	6		1	9	22		32	3	10	31	44	21.
*22.	Culver		2	45		5	2	39	25	71		3	2	5	22.
23.	Garden	37	43		23	2	7	14		23	2	9	11	22	23.
24.	Glenda		21	63		6	32	33	36	107	7	23		30	24.
25.	Hollyw	19	28	46		17	56	77	49	199	15	12	41	68	25.
26.	Huntin	41	57		31	3	13	14	11	41	4	18	4	26	26.
27.	Inglew		11	19		4	7	21	11	43	2	12		14	27.
*28.	Long B		2	33		6	5	33	35	79	2	2		4	28.
29.	Long B	10	16	22		1	6	27		34	4	8		12	29.
30.	Los An	1	1	10			2	8	10	20	2		3	5	30.
31.	Los An	2	18	8		4	13	15	5	37	4	15	10	29	31.
32.	Los An		8	36		10	12	122		144	7	25		32	32.
33.	Los An		3	5			11	15	31	57	2			2	33.
34.	Los An			4				1		1	2			2	34.
35.	North		7	*43		8	14	20	19	61	6	7		13	35.
36.	Pasade		8	13		5	13	17	12	47	6	6	10	22	36.
*37.	Phoeni			34			6	88		94					37.
38.	Phoeni	34	78		16	12	22	139	24	197	6	90	141	237	38.
39.	Redlan		4	1			7	13	1	21	2			2	39.
40.	Rivers	3	3	2				14		14		8	2	10	40.
41.	San Be		3	26		2	5	29	7	43	1	1	10	12	41.
42.	San Di	30	88		20	3	15	74		92	5	19		24	42.
43.	Santa			11				8	12	20	2	1		3	43.
44.	Santa		8	48		4	8	56		68	5	6		11	44.
*45.	Tucson			20				49	44	93					45.
46.	Westw			10				3	2	5	2		11	13	46.
	194	182	426	555	90	99	276	994	458	1827	92	284	277	653	1945
	194	133	325	703	34	128	311	975	372	1786	75	206	218	499	1944
	Inc	49	101		56			19	86	105	17	78	59	154	Inc.
	Dec			148		29	35								Dec.
	Nor	195	339	225	120	70	251	263	229	813	55	101	248	404	
	Sou	182	426	555	90	99	276	994	458	1827	92	284	277	653	
	194	377	765	780	210	169	527	1257	687	2640	147	385	525	1057	1945
	194	288	581	955	128	197	456	1259	623	2535	130	267	385	782	1944
	Inc	89	184		82		71		64	105	17	118	140	275	Inc.
	Dec			175		28		2							Dec.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERA

Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	CONGREGATION	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	ADDRESS: COUNTY	Population	As of D
1.	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	6409 Benvenue Ave. (Oakland)	Alameda	★	Arthur
2.	Fresno	First	1917	630 Ferger Ave.	Fresno	▲	Charle
3.	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	2112 Lotus Ave.	Fresno	▲	August
4.	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	561 D. St.	Fresno	▲	John C
5.	Oakland	First	1890	659 16th St.	Alameda	★	H. Pau
6.	Oakland	St. John's	1921	55th Ave. and Edgerly St.	Alameda	★	Philip
7.	Richmond	Grace	1924	Barrett and 13th	Contra Costa	★	W. E.
8.	Sacramento	First English	1889	2910 39th St.	Sacramento	★	Paul E
9.	Sacramento	St. John's	1867	1701 L. St.	Sacramento	★	Robert
*10.	Sacramento	St. Paul's	1945	Fifth Avenue & 59th Street	Sacramento	★	Paul E
11.	San Francisco	First English	1886	380 18th Ave.	San Francisco	★	Robert
12.	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell St.	San Francisco	★	J. Geo
13.	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1895	3281 16th St.	San Francisco	★	Herma
14.	San Francisco	Temple	1917	15 Latona St.	San Francisco	★	Eldon
15.	Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1122 N. St.	Fresno	●	J. S. E
16.	San Jose	Grace	1892	59 E. Julian St.	Santa Clara	▲	Harold
17.	San Mateo	St. Andrew's	1944	100 N. Ellsworth Ave.	San Mateo	▲	E. Dal
18.	Vallejo	St. Paul's	1943	1309 Tuolumne St.	Solano	▲	Joseph
	1945 Totals	Congregations, 18					Pastors
	1944 Totals	Congregations, 17					Pastors
	Increase	1					
	Decrease						
19.	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 N. Atlantic Blvd.	Los Angeles	▲	Robert
20.	Altadena	Altadena	1944	197 W. Foothill Blvd.	Los Angeles	■	George
21.	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive	Los Angeles	▲	Guy L.
*22.	Culver City	Grace	1945	4267 Overland Ave.	Los Angeles	■	Frederi
23.	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 W. 163rd St.	Los Angeles	■	J. Emo
24.	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St.	Los Angeles	▲	Carl V
25.	Hollywood	Hollywood	1921	1733 N. New Hampshire Ave.	Los Angeles	★	Robert
26.	Huntington Park	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave.	Los Angeles	▲	Charle
27.	Inglewood	Holy Trinity	1941	8406 S. Crenshaw Drive	Los Angeles	▲	J. Ben
*28.	Long Beach	Faith	1945	3040 Santa Fe Ave.	Los Angeles	★	Donald
29.	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	8th St. and Linden Ave.	Los Angeles	★	Orval A
30.	Los Angeles	Advent	1887	1329 S. Alvarado St.	Los Angeles	★	Henry
31.	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro St.	Los Angeles	★	Henry
32.	Los Angeles	First English	1887	3119 W. 6th St.	Los Angeles	★	Albert
33.	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place	Los Angeles	★	John B
34.	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1914	3010 Eagle St.	Los Angeles	★	Wm. A
35.	North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	Los Angeles	▲	Edward
36.	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	997 E. Walnut St.	Los Angeles	★	Howard
*37.	Phoenix, Ariz.	Faith	1945	Camelback Road & 8th St.	Maribop.a	★	Don W
38.	Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	1914	1124 N. 3rd St.	Maricopa	★	H. C.
39.	Redlands	First	1901	E. Olive at Myrtle	San Bernardino	■	Carl A
40.	Riverside	Trinity	1894	9th and Walnut	Riverside	▲	F. W.
41.	San Bernardino	First	1907	631 G. St.	San Bernardino	▲	Arthur
42.	San Diego	First	1888	1320 Second Ave.	San Diego	★	Erwin
43.	Santa Barbara	Grace	1904	1109 Anacapa St.	Santa Barbara	▲	George
44.	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	958 Lincoln Blvd.	Los Angeles	▲	C. B.
*45.	Tucson, Ariz.	Our Savior's	1945	738 No, 5th St.	Pima	▲	Titus
46.	Westwood	Village	1937	1500 S. Sepulveda Blvd.	Los Angeles	●	A. J. S
	1945 Totals	Congregations, 28					Pastors
	1944 Totals	Congregations, 24					Pastors
	Increase	4					
	Decrease						

		Geographical Loc. of Church Bldg. ★	▲	■	●		
Northern Conference.	Congregations, 18	11	6		1		Pastors
Southern Conference.	Congregations, 28	14	11	2	1		Pastors
1945 Grand Totals	Congregations, 46	25	17	2	2		Pastors
1944 Grand Totals	Congregations, 41	21	16	2	2		Pastors
Increase	Congregations, 5	4	1				Pastors
Decrease							

A FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1945

PERTY		FINANCIAL			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE									
		Congregational Expenses			UNAPPORTIONED						APPORTIONED			
Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55		56	57	58
31,625	9,000	6,119	5,254	11,373	50	15			335	400	972	997	1,397	12,769
19,641	4,587	4,409	915	5,324	358	25	5	225	786	1,399	912	912	2,311	7,635
13,300		4,250	1,880	6,130	25				347	372	624	707	1079	7,209
7,000		1,955	105	2,060	37				107	144	180	269	413	2,473
14,500		7,474	1,716	9,190	1010	126	25		2,949	3,210	942	1065	4,275	13,465
12,000	1,350	2,885	1,193	4,078					265	265	330	352	617	4,695
24,600		5,833	3,239	9,072	1000				879	1879	1044	1044	2,923	11,995
33,478	3,000	4,693	1,883	6,576	209	20			515	744	870	915	1,659	8,235
114,557		10,057	4,936	14,993	619	101		35	1087	1,842	1,597	1,597	3,439	18,432
4,000	3,500	108	259	367								39	39	406
48,000		2,297	149	2,446					92	92	270	270	362	2,808
190,000		17,033	543	17,576	30	277	28	1147	1426	2,908	1,524	1,524	4,432	22,008
32,000		5,028		5,028	300	20		458	40	818	504	508	1,326	6,354
12,000	2,000	1,551	675	2,226					35	35	288	288	323	2,549
6,000	130	1,057	947	2,004	30			23	50	105	120	150	253	2,257
42,000	2,175	4,015	1,706	5,721	102	75	111	25		313	516	516	829	6,550
2,411		2,781		2,781			6		63	69	240	240	309	3,090
15,700	13,400	2,652	187	2,839	5	22	8		92	127	336	336	463	3,302
622,712	39,142	84,197	25,587	109,784	3775	681	183	1913	8168	14,720	11,269	11,729	26,449	136,232
579,926	30,159	74,311	18,597	92,908	221	491	1927	2010	5388	10,037	8,659	9,044	19,081	111,989
42,786	8,983	9,886	6,990	16,876	3555	190	1744	97	2780	4,683	2,610	2,685	7,368	24,243
26,640		6,507		6,507	500	53		62	473	1088	768	768	1,856	8,363
11,500	9,500	3,742	200	3,942		36			144	180	84	253	432	4,374
25,000		6,077	4,597	10,674	205	245	103	60	300	913	930	930	1,843	12,517
2,988	1,412	826	2,025	2,851	22				38	60		91	151	3,002
15,000		2,864	674	3,538	50	15			160	225	408	445	670	4,208
79,117	6,757	17,656	7,766	25,422	164	1534	824	559	1,502	4,583	2,658	2,758	7,341	32,763
85,575		15,167	8,473	23,640	1045	688	118	228	3999	6,078	2,292	3,625	9,703	33,343
29,447		6,039	179	6,218	345	328	10	90	408	1181	1,314	1,590	2,771	8,989
24,084	1,430	3,409	2,480	5,889	10				520	530	750	762	1,292	7,181
18,425	15,880	2,737	998	3,735					144	144	96	230	374	4,109
70,000		5,397	2,019	7,416	100			320	45	465	1,266	1,266	1,731	9,147
34,500	16,000	7,007	6,060	13,068	12	127	162	656	1,037	1,994	342	456	2,450	15,518
17,000	1,975	3,382	1,122	4,504	323		50		350	723	762	762	1,485	5,989
120,500	4,900	20,577	9,722	30,299	1000	2185	200	101	2061	5547	1,764	1,764	7,311	37,610
25,500		3,582	164	3,746					748	748	624	674	1,422	5,168
30,000	2,875	1,540	861	2,401			15		50	65	204	204	269	2,670
32,000		5,515	189	5,704	100		50	89	1514	1,753	1134	1134	2,887	8,591
63,554	2,297	7,394	2,671	10,065	1329	87	193	183	1230	3,022	1,476	1,476	4,498	14,563
13,846	5,250	907	4,480	5,387					23	23			23	5,410
44,955	4,764	12,253	1,703	13,956	628	100	48	146	1257	2,179	2,610	2,610	4,789	18,745
11,800		3,115	2,814	5,929	100				150	250	378	399	649	6,578
24,000		3,754		3,754					139	139	324	324	463	4,217
13,000	4,915	4,849	5,000	9,849	100	52	20	299	344	815	570	570	1,385	11,234
32,758		9,722	1,108	10,830	1465	882	67	10	524	2,948	1212	2,041	4,989	15,819
22,000	2,800	2,054	1,595	3,649					94	94	210	293	387	4,036
70,000	45,000	8,805	2,531	11,336	500				748	1,248	1056	1,245	2,493	13,829
13,500	11,500	808	1,500	2,308					25	25		107	132	2,440
15,785		4,368	130	4,498					112	112	306	306	418	4,916
972,474	137,255	170,054	71,061	241,115	7998	6332	1860	2803	18,139	37,132	25,538	27,083	64,214	305,329
754,672	92,506	136,718	61,919	198,637	2311	5502	1326	1731	11,926	22,796	19,024	21,665	44,461	243,098
217,802	44,749	33,336	9,142	42,478	5687	830	534	1072	6213	14,336	6,514	5,418	19,753	62,231
622,712	39,142	84,197	25,587	109,784	3775	681	183	1913	8,168	14,720	11,269	11,729	26,449	136,232
972,474	137,255	170,054	71,061	241,115	7998	6332	1860	2803	18,139	37,132	25,538	27,083	64,214	305,329
1,595,186	176,397	254,251	96,648	350,899	11773	7013	2043	4716	26,307	51,852	36,807	38,812	90,664	441,563
1,334,598	122,635	211,029	80,516	291,545	2532	5993	3253	3741	17,314	32,833	27,683	30,709	63,542	355,087
260,588	53,732	43,222	16,132	59,354	9241	1020	1210	975	8,993	19,019	9,124	8,103	27,121	86,474

Proceedings of The

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

of the

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Held in

FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Oakland, California

The REV. H. PAUL ROMEIS, Pastor

JANUARY 28, 29, 30, 31, 1946

"The Master is come and calleth for Thee"—John 11:28

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MINUTES OF THE

Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention

OF THE

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Oakland, California, January 28-30, 1946

Theme: "NOW IS THE TIME"

January 28, 1946, 7:45 P.M.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at a combined service of the Synod of California and the Women's Missionary Society. The sermon was preached by the Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., president of Synod.

FIRST SESSION

January 29, 1946, 9:30 A.M.

The fifty-fourth annual convention was opened with singing the hymn "Beautiful Saviour."

The opening service for the missionary convention was conducted by the president, Mrs. James P. Beasom, Jr.

The hymn "Christ For the World We Sing" was sung.

Mrs. R. D. Kerstetter conducted the devotions on "Now It is Time—To March Forward for Christ in the Church."

A solo, "Consider the Lilies," by Scott, was sung by Mrs. George Hook.

The Credential Committee reported five officers, eleven department secretaries, seventy-three delegates.

The president declared the convention open for the transaction of business.

Presentation of the program was made by Mrs. Maynard Shoreen, chairman of the program committee. A motion prevailed that the program, as presented, become the order of procedure for the convention.

The following convention committees were announced:

President's Report—Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz, Mrs. W. E. Keil, Mrs. Arthur Alm.

Nominations—Mrs. P. J. Kramer, Mrs. F. Steinle, Mrs. Wm. Capel.

Resolutions—Mrs. H. H. Roloff, Mrs. A. Knudten, Mrs. W. Varblow.

Claims—Mrs. Benner Weaver, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. George Thompson.

Credentials—Mrs. Carlton York Smith, Mrs. Maynard Shoreen.

Pages—Mrs. H. F. Rohrbach, Mrs. Fred Steinle.

Convention Pianist—Mrs. James Dalziel.

A gracious welcome was extended by pastor loci and Mrs. Paul Romeis. Mrs. James Dalziel, president of the local "Women of the Church" was introduced to the convention.

The secretary read a letter of greeting from Mrs. Lola Hellerman.

Mrs. Clarence C. Stoughton of New York was introduced and brought greetings.

Wives of new pastors in the Synod were introduced.

The convention hymn was sung.

The president's report was read and a motion prevailed that the report be referred to the committee on president's report.

The treasurer's report with audit was presented by Mrs. W. B. Scheehl. A motion prevailed that the report be accepted as audited.

Mrs. Clarence Crouser, vice-president, was presented and spoke briefly.

The report of the statistician, Mrs. Kenneth Sketch, was read by Mrs. Maynard Shoreen. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted as corrected.

The report of the historian was presented by Mrs. Awerkamp. A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

The report of the archivist, Mrs. J. E. Hoick, was read by the secretary. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

The president presented delegates from the following new societies: Grace, Culver City; Faith, Long Beach; Business and Professional Women, Advent, Los Angeles; Young Women's Missionary Society, Advent, Los Angeles; Mary E. Eiler, Sacramento; Faith, Phoenix, Arizona.

Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton, U.L.C.A. Secretary of Stewardship delivered a challenging address entitled "Forward March."

The offering of $37.16 was received and consecrated by Dr. Stoughton.

SECOND SESSION

January 29, 1946, 1:30 P.M.

The session was opened with the convention prayer.

Hymn, "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken," was sung.

The devotions, "Now It is Time—To March Forward for Christ in our Synod," were conducted by Mrs. Frederick Smith.

A solo, "Spirit of God," by Neidlinger, was sung by Mrs. Othar Jensen.

Dr. Albert B. Schwertz was introduced and brought greetings from the Synod.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. L. W. Varblow presented the report of Northern Conference. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

Southern Conference report was presented by Mrs. Charles Izenour. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

The new conference presidents, Mrs. Maynard Shoreen, Southern and Mrs. Dale Click, Northern were presented.

Mrs. Albert Schwertz introduced Dr. Paul Lewis, missionary on furlough from Africa, who spoke of his work there.

Pastor Romeis presented Chaplain Rogers who introduced Major Liu of the Chinese Air Force and a fellow Christian. Major Liu brought greetings from the Chinese people.

An address, "Our Social Challenges" was given by Dr. Frederick Smith, Executive Secretary of the Southern California Lutheran Welfare Council.

The offering, $41.71, was received and consecrated by Dr. Smith.

An impressive candle light Life Membership and In Memoriam shower was conducted by Mrs. Harry Hahn. Four In Memoriams and thirty-one Life Memberships were received.

The session adjourned with the missionary benediction.

January 29, 1946, 8:00 P.M.

The vesper service of Synod was under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society.

The liturgist was Dr. Arthur Knudten, Mrs. Maynard Shoreen read the scripture lesson and the speaker, Dr. Oscar Carlson was introduced by Mrs. James P. Beasom, Jr.

The offering of $75.00 was received and consecrated to Lutheran World Action.

THIRD SESSION

January 30, 1946, 9:30 A.M.

The session was opened with the convention prayer.

Hymn "From Ocean to Ocean" was sung.

The devotions, "Now It is Time—To March for Christ in Our Nation," were conducted by Mrs. E. Dale Click.

A solo, "Come Unto Him," by Handel, was sung by Miss Joan Transrud.

Minutes of the second session were read and approved.

A motion prevailed that the secretary send a telegram to Mrs. J. E. Hoick who is ill and who has served the synodical society so long and so efficiently.

Dr. Oscar Carlson, U.L.C.A. Director of Evangelism, addressed the convention on "Reaching Out."

In the absence of Mrs. Dorothy Waggotte, Mrs. Clarence Crouser directed the Synodical Secretaries Hour, incorporating the address of Sister Adele on "The Call for Young Women" in the presentation.

Mrs. P. J. Kramer presented the Synodical Special at which time a check for $250 was given to Pastor Spindt for the mission at Santa Barbara.

The convention hymn was sung.

The offering $78.00, was received and consecrated by Mrs. Albert Schwertz.

The session adjourned with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION

January 30, 1946, 1:30 P.M.

The session was opened with the convention prayer.

Hymn "Rise Ye Children of Salvation" was sung.

The devotions, "Now It is Time—To March Forward for Christ in the World," were conducted by Mrs. H. F. Rohrbach.

A solo, "Hear My Cry," by Wailer, was sung by Mrs. Bertha Jorgensen.

A motion prevailed that a card be sent to Mrs. Scheehl who is ill at home.

An address, "Now is the Time," was delivered by Dr. James P. Beasom, Jr., president of Synod.

The report of the claims committee was given by Mrs. J. Benner Weaver. Motion prevailed that the claims be allowed.

Mrs. H. H. Roloff reported for the committee on resolutions. Motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by Mrs. Capel as follows:

President	Mrs. P. J. Kramer
Vice-President	Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz
Secretary	Mrs. Robert J. Marshall
Treasurer	Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl
Statistician	Miss Helen Hjort
Historian	Mrs. H. F. Rohrbach
Archivist	Mrs. J. E. Hoick

Mrs. James P. Beasom, Jr., recommended for nomination on General Executive Board with Mrs. Charles S. Izenour alternate.

Motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

Motion prevailed that nominations be closed and the secretary cast the unanimous ballot for the officers as nominated.

Motion prevailed that the recommendation of the nominating committee be adopted.

The president of Southern Conference presented the names of the delegates and alternate to the general convention nominated by the conference as follows: delegates—Mrs. Charles S. Izenour, Mrs. James P. Beasom, Jr.; alternate—Mrs. Maynard Shoreen. Motion prevailed that these nominations be ratified.

The president of Northern Conference announced that by virtue of her office as synodical president, Mrs. P. J. Kramer to be delegate and Mrs. Varblow alternate to the general convention. Motion prevailed that these nominations be ratified.

Mrs. Albert Schwertz presented the report of the committee on president's report. Motion prevailed that the recommendations be adopted seriatim. A season of prayer followed the adoption of recommendations one and two. Motions prevailed to adopt recommendations 3-4-5-6-7-8. Motion prevailed that the report be adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Hahn, Life and In Memoriam Secretary, presented the following recommendations:

1. That this synodical year, each society make its pastor a life member—looking forward to a service at our next convention and a presentation of all our pastors.
2. That each society aim to memorialize those young men and women in their own congregation who gave their lives for our country.

Motion prevailed that these recommendations be adopted.

Dr. Rinde, Dean of Western Seminary, was presented and brought greetings.

Miss Grace Onstead, missionary candidate to China, was presented and spoke briefly.

Mrs. Schwertz made the final presentation of the Triennial Objective with the grand total of $4,560.00.

Hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be" was sung.

The new officers were installed by Pastor Paul Romeis.

Mrs. James P. Beasom, Jr., presented the gavel to Mrs. P. J. Kramer who declared the 54th convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of California adjourned.

MRS. CHARLES S. IZENOUR, Recording Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"O Give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good." Thus does the Psalmist express his gratitude unto Almighty God, "for His mercy endureth forever." God has been merciful unto us and blessed us. I want to record my gratitude for that blessing, as a prefix to my final report. He has permitted me to enjoy three of the richest years of my life. He has given me the opportunity to work with a forward marching synodical society under His banner. He has made it possible for me to serve through days of war to days of peace. How else can I express myself except as I acknowledge my indebtedness to Him and thank Him for His loving kindnesses.

During these past two to three years, we have enjoyed the fellowship of loyal executive committee members, officers, secretaries, presidents of conferences and presidents of societies; other officers and members, as well as pastors and church workers. In the name of our synodical group, I wish to thank each and every one.

Ours has been a challenging triennium. We have felt the pulse of a new heart beat in missions. I have been privileged to be a part of that missionary program. I have met with new congregations, new societies; I have tried to help them and encourage them. It has been good to see them take their first steps, launch out on their own and then grow up. Some of them are here with us at this convention; they will become officially a part of us during these sessions. We must always pray for them and for the new ones about to be born.

It has been good to travel over the whole territory of synod and to see our church in action. From Tucson, Arizona in the east, the ocean on the west, north to Sacramento and south to San Diego, up the San Joaquin Valley and down the coast highway, we have journeyed, meeting with groups of women, missionary societies, pastors, congregations and church people. It is a happy experience to see and to report the growth everywhere. The statistician's report will give the specific details for our synodical society. The report of synod will give those for our church. Let us pray for those who are laboring so faithfully in the Lord's vineyard. May each continue to serve under Him that this vast unchurched area may be brought to Christ and the resources of our great church be harnessed that the light of God's truth might shine in the darkened corners of our unhappy globe.

Our Synodical Special has been gratifying. And the special offerings of the conferences for missions have encouraged the synodical missionary pro-

gram. We have helped and are helping a number of new congregations. Each has been given or promised something or some amount for chairs or a piano, etc.

We must not stop now. People are not stopping to enter our borders. They are coming by the thousands. Our cities and towns, our houses and apartments are crowded. We must and will, with God's help, start more missions. They will need our help. I urge it upon you to be ready to supply the needs of these when the appeals come. Raise an even greater synodical special this year of peace. Make it a peace offering unto the Lord.

Our Triennial Objective is going over the top. We have almost reached our goal at this convention. We will, I am sure, do so before the close of convention. We will need a new objective for the interim year. Would it not be wise and missionary-minded if we would couple our Synodical Special with our Interim Objective, and seek a goal of $3,000 for missions in Synod?

With our growth of membership ,which approaches 50% during the past triennium, we are given another delegate to the triennial convention of our national society, which will meet in October, 1946 in Pittsburgh,Pa. We should rejoice over this growth. Not because it gives us greater privileges but because it gives us greater opportunities for service in the mission fields of our church. With our growth, grows our service to God.

With the change of date for our convention from the spring to January, we have lost a quarter of the year for our reports. Our statistics will be given as of December 15, 1945, instead of March 15th, as other years. In spite of this, we have received more offerings in the past three quarters of the year than we received the whole year before. So our report, instead of showing a decrease due to the shortened period, will show an increase. Morever, we will receive seven new societies at this convention, which is greater by two than we received at our last convention. We have tried the Lord and He has opened the windows of heaven and poured out His blessings upon us.

As president of your society, I have tried to represent you at many missionary, church, student and inter-church gatherings. I have written a number of articles on missionary topics. Letters, telephone calls, and visitations have been too numerous to record. With all of that which has been mine to do, I have felt that there was still much that should have been and could have been done, and there have, no doubt, been many mistakes. For these sins of omission and commission, I ask divine forgiveness and for that of the society. For such as may have been accomplished through these years, I give all the credit to our blessed Lord.

He leads the way. Let us follow Him through the triennium ahead.

I am hereby submitting eight recommendations and trust that this convention will give them serious thought and consideration. There will be a new President this synodical year and I do not wish to plan for her, but only to help and to make suggestions through these recommendations.

1. That we return thanks unto Almighty God for His goodness.
2. That we set aside a few minutes in prayer of thanksgiving for peace and for those who are our leaders in world peace programs.
3. That every member and every society continue in the forward effort to evangelize, to recruit missionary women for our societies.
4. That we do our utmost to gather funds for the objectives of our society that none of the avenues of our missionary program will suffer through our neglect.
5. That we combine our Synodical Special and our Interim Special in an Interim Special Peace Offering of $3,000 unto the Lord for synodical missions.
6. That we continue our support of Rocky Boy Indian Mission.
7. That we give to our young woman at the Baltimore Motherhouse a love offering of $25.00, from the deaconess fund. And that we encourage young women to prepare for the diaconate, as we increase our offerings for this purpose.
8. That in the $10,000,000 appeal for Lutheran World Action our society contribute the Tuesday evening offering to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

HELGA OLIVE BEASOM.

REPORT OF TREASURER

March 15, 1946 to Dec. 15th, 1945

BALANCES ON HAND, MARCH 15, 1945		
Congress Travel Fund	$ 184.50	
Deaconess Fund	139.05	
Synodical Special	263.03	
Synodical Fee	281.75	$ 868.33
RECEIPTS		
Associate Memberships	$ 21.00	
Bible Women and Scholarships	761.00	
Box Work	112.23	
Christmas Offering	280.03	
Congress Travel Fund	41.00	
Deaconess Fund	33.65	
General Fund	1,224.19	
India Lace	486.03	
Lenten Offering	20.41	
Life Memberships and In-Memoriams	1,475.00	
Thank-Offering	3,479.11	
Tri-ennial Convention Ex. Fund	13.70	
Tri-ennial Special	2,472.28	
Miscellaneous	45.00	
Synodical Special	1,934.37	
Synodical Fee	297.30	12,696.30
		$13,564.63
DISBURSEMENTS		
Miss A. Barbara Wiegand, National Treasurer	$10,748.98	
President's Expenses	20.00	
Secretary's Expenses	3.75	
Treasurer's Expenses	41.18	
Statistician's Expenses	3.78	
Department Secretaries' Expenses	21.59	
Gift to Custodian, Convention Church	2.50	
Printing Program	22.04	
Piano for Grace Church, Culver City	200.00	
Membership, Baltimore Deaconess Motherhouse	100.00	
Stationery	11.23	
Treasurer's Bond	5.00	
Book for Midland College Library	5.00	
Piano for Faith Church, Long Beach	175.00	
Guest Missionary Expense	25.00	
Printing Minutes of Synod	100.00	
Chairs for Faith Church, Long Beach	188.34	
Chairs for Whittier Mission	120.02	
Miscellaneous	2.05	$11,795.45
BALANCES DEC. 15th, 1945		
Congress Travel Fund	$ 225.50	
Deaconess Fund	72.70	
Synodical Special	1,214.04	
Synodical Fee	256.93	$ 1,769.17
		$13,564.63
U. S. Government Bonds owned (cost price)		$ 296.00

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL B. SCHEEHL, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

D. M. McLEOD,
H. B. O'BRIEN.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

	Societies	Active Members	Associate Members
Northern Conference	18	394	7
Southern Conference	43	1061	12
	61	1455	19

	Societies	Active Members
Northern Conference Gains	None	16
Southern Conference Gains	6	59
	6	75

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. KENNETH R. SKETCH, Statistical Secretary.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

As Historian I sent cards to 54 societies asking a few questions as to the history of their society in the past year 1945. There were 30 replies.

48 public meetings were held throughout the year.

Anniversaries observed.

IN MEMORY

Active members who have passed on:

MRS. ANNA GARBER, Gardena, St. John's
MRS. B. L. WESTENBARGER, Glendale, First
MRS. MARY JENSEN, Glendale, First
MRS. F. J. KEELER, Glendale, First
MRS. TESSIE FITZGERALD, San Jose, Grace
MRS. BESSIE WELLER, Los Angeles, St. Mark's
MRS. P. O. LIEBERG, Pasadena, Trinity
MRS. O. ZIEGLER, Long Beach, Trinity
MRS. SOPHIE MAAS, Oakland, St. John's
MRS. VIOLET BITTS, Los Angeles, Bethany
MRS. CYNTHIA ROBERTS, Beverly Hills
MRS. GERTRUDE COSGROVE, Los Angeles, Bethany

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. A. AWERKAMP.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

The 1945 material for the archives has been saved and will soon be in place. We have been happy this past year to assist two churches with data and photos for their records.

The three-year subscription to the magazine, Lutheran Woman's Work, for our archives, expires this coming May and should be renewed. The Treasurer has taken care of this.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE HOICK.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The 36th Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference of the Synod of California was held on October 31, and November 1, 1945, at Saint Michael's Lutheran Church, Berkeley, Dr. A. C. Knudten, pastor. Delegates and visitors joined with the members of the Northern Conference in the Holy Communion Service, Rev. H. Paul Romeis, bringing the message.

Highlight of the convention was the Home Mission Shower when each society presented gifts totaling $200.00 for chairs for the new mission at Sacramento.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. E. Dale Click, president; Mrs. Mildred Brown, first vice-president; Mrs. William Capel, second vice-president; Mrs. L. K. Thompson, secretary; Mrs. Alma Bowen, treasurer; Miss Helen Hjort, historian.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE A. VARBLOW.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Southern Conference has ushered in a "New Day in Missions" with a marked progress in all departments; notably in new societies organized, of which there are six.

Two hundred seventy-eight enthusiastic women attended the annual convention held in St. Matthew's, North Hollywood, at which time three hundred dollars was contributed for chairs for the new mission in Whittier.

The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Maynard Shoreen; First Vice-President, Mrs. Virgil Chelson; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Albert Schwertz; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carlton York Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Frances Woodworth; Historian, Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHARLES S. IZENOUR, President.

EDUCATION

Sale of literature sold at the Pasadena Convention amounted to $21.72, at the Southern Conference $21.75, at the Northern Conference $8.15.

Total sales for 1945—$51.62.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. IRONSIDE.

MAGAZINE

Total subscriptions—1088.

There are twenty 100% societies.

Eight societies report more magazines than members.

CAROLINE ENDERS YOUNG.

MISSION STUDY

At the close of this Synodical year (including only three quarters,) twenty-eight societies reported on the study of Missions. Eighteen groups studied North American Missions and nineteen groups conducted studies on World Missions. Four hundred and seventy-three persons were enrolled in these groups, and one hundred and forty-seven persons completed the Reading Course.

MRS. RAY INSLEE.

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND "IN MEMORIAM" DEPARTMENT
1945

Life Memberships received during Synodical year	97
Honorary Life Memberships received during Synodical year	21
Total Life Memberships received	118
Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	1,126
Honorary Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	217
Total Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	1,343
Persons Memorialized during Synodical year	15
Total "In Memoriam" on Synodical Roll	178
100% Life Membership Society reported	——
Total 100% Life Membership Societies	——

The total income from this Department for the year 1945 was $1,475.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HARRY W. HAHN.

PATRON AND PROTEGE

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us. That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations."—Psalm 67:1-2.

We as missionary women repeat this verse of scripture many times throughout the year. May we accept it as a challenge and help to bring His saving health to all the nations—witnessing for Christ in all the world by enrolling now in the Patron and Protege Department. Accept your share of this tremendous obligation, and make known His deeds among the people of other lands.

Due to the fact that Synod is convening early this year, my report includes only those amounts contributed in the last three quarters of 1945.

Bible Women and Native Workers	$330.00
Scholarships	495.00
Total	$825.00

Three new patrons have been enrolled this year. Women of the Church, First Church, Los Angeles, supporting a Bible Woman; and a scholarship given by each of the following: Women of the Church, St. John's, Gardena; and the Primary and Beginners Department of the Sunday School, First Church, Glendale.

MRS. H. H. ROLOFF.

THANK OFFERING

Even though the date of Synod has shortened our year, we have in nine months topped last year's all-time record gift with an offering of $3,479.11, an increase of $77.78.

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for His mercy endureth forever."

Our faithful missionaries need our gifts and prayers. Let us go forth into 1946 and consecrate anew our time and money for the furthering of God's Kingdom here on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HENRY SCHERER.

DEACONESS

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Baltimore Deaconess Training School the special Deaconess Scholarship Appeal was presented to the Annual Convention of the Synodical Missionary Society last April and to the Northern Conference last November. The response of the Synodical Society was $100.00 and the Northern Conference gift was $20.00.

The work of the deaconess and the scholarship appeal was also presented to the women's organizations in the four U.L.C. churches in San Francisco: St. Matthew's, Temple, First and St. Mark's. St. Matthew's, Temple and St. Mark's societies made gifts, St. Matthew's $25.00, St. Mark's $75.00.

The regular gifts from societies to the Deaconess Department of Synod totaled $33.65; $20.00 of which came from the Glendale Society.

SISTER ADELE DASENBROCK.

PROMOTION

Interest and growth in both the older and new societies is noteworthy. Your secretary can report that visits have been made, organization packets have been sent as well as follow-up letters. We are proud to report seven new societies in the Synod. Our new missions are in the act of organizing missionary societies.

A well attended Congress was held in June, the speaker being Mrs. Lydia Naugle, speaking on South America. We again plead for interest in our younger women.

MRS. M. H. SHOREEN.

STUDENT

Your student secretary submits the following report:

Forty-six (46) letters were sent to pastors and Missionary Society presidents and twenty-five (25) replies were received.

The following figures compiled from these letters will be of interest:

16 congregations reported students.
9 congregations reported no students.
6 men and 2 women students are attending Lutheran Institutions.
14 men and 61 women students are attending non-Lutheran Institutions.
7 young men are preparing for the ministry.
2 young women are preparing for Christian Service.

There are undoubtedly a number of young men and women attending college, even among the congregations reporting, who were not listed due to the fact that many colleges had terms which began in November and December. Also many of our returning service people are going back to school as soon as they are discharged.

JEANETTE LARSON.

INDIA LACE

I am very pleased to report $486.03 to India Lace Work. The contributions have been very gratifying.

I thank all co-workers.

MRS. HILDA HANSEN.

SYNODICAL SPECIAL

The Synodical Special for 1945 contributed by the Societies was $1,934.37.

For many years $300.00 of this fund has been sent to Rocky Boy Mission each year.

In 1942 the balance of the Synodical Special has been allocated for Home Mission work in our California Synod.

The following allocations have been made:

9-29-42	Payment on lot for Vallejo Church	$ 500.00
11- 6-42	Chairs for St. Andrews, San Mateo	286.31
2-28-44	Piano for St. Andrews, San Mateo	138.38
9-18-44	Chairs for Faith, Long Beach	264.88
9-22-44	Chairs for Altadena	334.07
5-18-45	Piano for Culver City	200.00
7-18-45	Piano for Faith, Long Beach	175.00
11-12-45	Chairs for Faith, Long Beach	188.34
12- 7-45	Chairs for Whittier	122.02
		$2,209.00

Balance on hand	$1,212.04
Northern Conference Contributed	200.00
Southern Conference Contributed	300.00

at their Conference Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

NAN S. KRAMER.

BOX WORK

Forty-three of our fifty-four societies reported box work for the year 1945.

Northern Conference	Southern Conference
14 boxes to N. Am. Missions	51 boxes to N. Am. Missions
12 boxes to World Missions	44 boxes to World Missions

Total boxes sent to N. Am. Missions	65
Total boxes sent to World Missions	56
Total boxes from Synodical Society	121
Cash contributions to Box Work	$112.23

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER C. ALM.

TRIENNIAL OBJECTIVE

Your Triennial Objective chairman submits the following complete report with much thankfulness and joy in her heart. It has been a real privilege to work with each society because the cooperation and response has been overwhelming. I wish to thank leaders in each Synodical society who have done much to inspire and lead their members and friends to become acquainted, interested and willing to share in this great Triennial Objective of the Women of the United Lutheran Church of America.

In our California Synodical, you as a convention set a goal of $4,000. We have surpassed that goal and can report a total of $4,560. Let us praise our God for Missionary-minded women who have made such a splendid record possible.

Accept my personal gratefulness; my prayer is that we have just begun to accomplish big things for Christ and His Kingdom.

Alhambra, Women of the Church	$ 27.00
Altadena, Women of the Church	7.54
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Louisa M. Miller)	39.75
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Dorcas)	20.50
Beverly Hills, (Women of the Church)	32.70
Beverly Hills, (Elsa King Frey)	9.00
Fresno, (Friendship Circle)	100.25
Fresno, (Chi Rho Circle)	50.00
Gardena, (Women of the Church)	40.00
Glendale, (W. Council of Christ Miss.)	579.00
Glendale, (Pi Rho Theta)	23.00
Glendale, (Business and Professional Group)	
Hollywood, (Women of the Church)	500.00
Hollywood, (Florence M. Welty)	50.00
Huntington Park, (Gospel Light)	54.00
Huntington Park, (Go Ye)	42.00
Inglewood, (Dorcas)	15.00
Long Beach, Trinity, (Women's Missionary Society)	100.00
Los Angeles, Bethany (Bethany Missionary)	50.00
Los Angeles, Bethany (Cosmos)	5.00
Los Angeles, First English (Women of the Church)	500.00
Los Angeles, First English (Evening Group)	20.00
Los Angeles, First English (D. R. H. Society)	15.69
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Women's Missionary Society)	10.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Heart)	25.00
Los Angeles, St. Paul's (Women of the Church)	
Los Angeles, Advent, (Women's Missionary Society)	125.00
North Hollywood, (Mena Spirer)	45.00
North Hollywood, (Faith)	30.00
Oakland, First, (Queen Esther)	140.00
Oakland, First, (Louisa M. Miller)	100.00
Oakland, St. John's (Women's Missionary Society)	20.50

Pasadena, Trinity, (Women's Missionary Society)	46.10
Phoenix, Grace, (John K. Reed)	135.85
Redlands, First, (Women's Missionary Society)	27.00
Richmond, Grace, (Mary Martha, In His Service)	250.00
Riverside, Trinity, (Mission Guild)	28.00
Riverside, Trinity, (Nona M. Diehl)	15.00
Sacramento, First, (Bethany)	70.00
Sacramento, St. John's, (Dorcas)	65.38
San Bernardino, First, (Minnie L. Sandige)	30.00
San Bernardino, First, (Emma Louise Alm)	12.50
San Diego, First, (Women of the Church)	235.25
San Diego, First, (Katherine Von Borah)	135.00
San Jose, Grace, (Women's Missionary Society)	5.00
San Jose, Grace, (Lydia Woerner)	53.00
San Francisco, First, (Women's Missionary Society)	1.00
San Francisco, St. Mark's (Women's Missionary Society)	35.00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's, (Women's Missionary Society)	20.00
San Francisco, Temple	1.00
San Mateo, St. Andrews (W. of St. Andrews)	17.00
Santa Barbara, Grace, (Women of the Church)	20.00
Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild)	160.00
Vallejo, St. Paul's (Guild)	32.00
Northern Conference	14.00
Southern Conference Congress	95.00
Convention Offering, 1945-1946	277.99
Westwood Village	3.00
Total	$4,560.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

June - September - December, 1945

My report given at last Synodical included March, 1945, so please note this is for 9 months only.

Huntington Park, St. Luke's	$ 9.60
Hollywood, Hollywood	24.00
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	34.00
San Bernardino, First	5.63
San Diego, First	83.74
Total Receipts	$156.97

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDWARD N. SPIRER.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

To God be all the praise and glory.

With humble and most grateful hearts we acknowledge that God in His great mercy has been very good to us and showered many blessings upon us throughout this past year. We feel we have caught a gleam of the power of the love of God as manifested in the hearts of the women, prompting them to accomplish great things in the advancement of His business here among mankind with greater love, loyalty and gifts, and we pray He will continue to bless us and divinely guide us in all our undertakings as we "Wake out of sleep, Now is the time."

Ever mindful of present and future opportunities to show the love of God we submit the following resolutions:

1. That we express our most sincere and hearty thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. H. Paul Romeis and the members of First Lutheran Church for their very warm and cordial greetings and gracious hospitality to delegates and friends attending the convention.
2. That we thank the pastor, the Rev. G. Emrys Thomas and members of Welsh Presbyterian Church of Oakland for permitting us to convene in their house of worship.
3. That we thank our President, Mrs. J. P. Beasom, the Executive Board and all department secretaries for their faithful work.
4. That we express our appreciation to Dr. J. P. Beasom, Dr. Clarence Stoughton, Dr. Frederick Smith, Dr. Oscar Carlson, Sister Adele Dasenbrock and the Rev. Paul Lewis for their inspiring and challenging addresses and sincere greetings extended by Dr. T. D. Rinde, Miss Grace Onstead, Chaplain Rogers and Major Liu of China.
5. That we thank all those who planned and prepared this program, to the devotional leaders, soloists, accompanists and all those who assisted to make the sessions at convention so inspiring and helpful, and for the impressive manner in which the work of the department secretaries was presented.
6. That with humble and most grateful hearts we give our sincere thanks to God for bringing us out of years of war to this hour of peace, knowing that from Him only can come the true and lasting peace, and realizing that His work can only be done by our endeavor, we consecrate ourselves to more diligent evangelistic effort because, "Now is the time."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. H. ROLOFF,
MRS. A. C. KNUDTEN,
MRS. L. W. VARBLOW.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your nominating committee wishes o submit the following names as officers for the coming year:

President	Mrs. P. J. Kramer
Vice-President	Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz
Secretary	Mrs. Robert J. Marshall
Treasurer	Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl
Statistician	Miss Helen Hjort
Historian	Mrs. H. F. Rohrbach
Archivist	Mrs. J. E. Hoick

We recommend Mrs. J. P. Beasom for Synodical Representative on the National Board, with Mrs. Chas. S. Izenour as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. CAPEL.
MRS. FRED STEINLE.

SUGGESTIONS FOR OFFICERS OF SOCIETIES

1. Present the work of the State and National Society at one of the meetings during the year.
2. Promote the Children of the Church Program in your congregation.
3. Organize a study class or reading circle in your society.
4. Encourage the use of the official magazine Lutheran Woman's Work. Use the Quiz.
5. Plan for a public Thanksgiving Meeting in November.
6. Observe India Lace Day in May.
7. Encourage attendance at Mission Institute in your community.

8. Observe the Week of Prayer and Self Denial or Day of Prayer.
9. Support Patron and Protege work (partial payment on scholarships acceptable).
10. Stress Synodical Special—$3,000 is the goal for this year. The Rocky Boy Mission will receive $300 for their work; the balance will be used for our Home Mission churches in California Synod.

NAN S. KRAMER, President.

WHEN TO SEND FUNDS

June Quarter

General Fund	10c per member per month
Congress Travel Fund	$1.00 or more per society per year
India Lace Industry Offering	Freewill
Deaconess Fund	$1.00 or more per society per year

September Quarter

General Fund	10c per member per month
Synodical Fee	25c per member per year
Synodical Special	$1.00 or more per member per year
Box Work	Freewill

December Quarter

General Fund	10c per member per month
Christmas Offering	Freewill
Thank Offering	Freewill

March Quarter

General Fund	10c per member per month
Triennial Convention Expense Fund	10c per member per year
Lenten Offering	Freewill
Triennial Objective Special	Freewill

Any Quarter

Scholarships	Bible Women
Life Memberships	In Memoriams

The Synodical Treasurer's books are closed on June 15, September 15, December 15 and March 15.

Please send reports to, and make checks payable to the Treasurer,

MRS. W. B. SCHEEHL
5924 Contra Costa Road,
Oakland 11, Calif.

Berkeley, St. Michael's (Louisa M. Miller)*	1			8	8		3
Berkeley, St. Michael's (Dorcas)*	1			43	43		
Fresno, First Lutheran Friendship Circle	1		13	17	30		
Fresno, First Lutheran Chi Rho Circle	1			25	25		3
Oakland, First Lutheran Queen Esther*	1		7	4	11		
Oakland, First Lutheran Louisa M. Miller*	1			9	9		
Oakland, St. John's W.M.S.	1		8	32	40		
Richmond, Grace Women of the Church	1			17	17		
Sacramento, First English Lutheran Bethany	1		10	20	30		
Sacramento, St. John's Dorcas		1	3	10	13		
Sacramento, St. Paul's Pastor's Aid	1		5	9	14	2†	
San Francisco, First English Lutheran Women's Guild	1			25	25		
San Francisco, St. Mark's W.M.S.	1			14	14		
San Francisco, St. Matthew's W.M.S.)	1		3	16	19		1†
San Jose, Grace (Lydia Woerner	1		1	20	21		2†
San Jose, Grace (W.M.S.	1		7	22	29	3†	
San Mateo, St. Andrew's Women of St. Andrew's)	1		5	21	26		
Vallejo, St. Paul's (St. Paul's Lutheran Guild)							
Totals Northern Conference	17	1	62	332	394	5†	7 (3†)

†Berkeley-(St. Michael's-Louisa Miller and Dorcas —Oakland-1st Lutheran, Queen Esther Louisa M. Miller Societies are

*Associate Members Not Counted In Grand Total in Patron and Protege Column Denotes Partial Payment

Alhambra, Grace (Grace Missionary)	1			27	27		1*
Altadena, Lutheran (Women of the Church,)	1			21	21		
Beverly Hills, Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		4	24	28		2*
Beverly Hills, Lutheran (Elsa King Frey)	1		9		9		1*
Culver City, Grace (Ladies of Grace Lutheran New Society		1		12	12		
Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)	1			19	19		
Glendale, First Lutheran (W. Council of Christ. Miss.)	1			103	103		
Glendale, First Lutheran (Pi Rho Theta)	1		12		12		
Glendale, First Lutheran (Business and Professional Women)	1			25	25		
Hollywood, Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		1	64	65		
Hollywood, Lutheran (Florence M. Welty)	1		11	16	27		
Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Gospel Light)	1			22	22		1
Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Go Ye	1		16	2	18	1	2*
Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)	1		8	22	30		
Long Beach, Faith Lutheran (W.M.S.) New Society		1	8	2	10		
Long Beach, Trinity (W.M.S.)	1		2	50	52		
Los Angeles, Advent Lutheran (W.M.S.)	1			22	22		4*
Los Angeles, Advent Lutheran (Dorcas) New Society		1	2	10	12		
Los Angeles, Advent Lutheran (Young W.M.S.) New Society		1	6		6		
Los Angeles, Bethany (Miss. Society)	1			10	10		
Los Angeles, Bethany (Cosmo)	1		10	4	14		
Los Angeles, First English Lutheran (Women of Church, Day Gr.)	1			70	70		
Los Angeles, First English Lutheran (Women of Church Eve. Gr.)	1			28	28		
Los Angeles, First English Luth (Women of Church, D.R.H. Gr.)	1		14		14		
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (First)	1			27	27		
Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Heart)	1		4	14	18		
Los Angeles, St. Paul's (Women of the Church,)	1			10	10		
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Mena Spirer)	1			18	18		1*
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)	1			24	24		1*—1
Pasadena, Trinity (W.M.S.)	1			36	36		3
Phoenix, Faith (W.M.S.) New Society		1		15	15		
Phoenix, Grace (John K. Reed)	1			35	35		
Redlands, First English Lutheran	1			23	23		4
Riverside, Trinity (W. Miss. Guild)	1			12	12		
Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)	1		10	4	14		
San Bernardino, First English Lutheran (Minnie L. Sandidge)	1		1	26	27		5*
San Bernardino, First English Lutheran (Emma Louisa Alm)	1		12		12		
San Diego, First Lutheran (Women of the Church Day Group)	1			37	37		2*
San Diego, First Lutheran (Women of the Church, Eve. Group)	1		3	19	22		
Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)	1		1	14	15		
Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Miss.)	1			40	40	2	
West Whittier, Salem Lutheran (Women of Church New Soc.		1	7	3	10		
Westwood Village, (West. Village Luth. Miss. Guild)	1		1	9	10		
Synod of California							
Totals Southern Conference	37	6	142	919	1061	3	9
GRAND TOTALS	54	7	204	1251	1455	3	16

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ROLL OF SYNOD

CLERICAL ROLL	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER	CONG. SERVED	LAY DELEGATE	LAYMAN'S ADDRESS
ckerman, J. Emory	1944	1944	S	1010 Gardena Blvd., Gardena	St. John's	Magnus Larsen	620 W. 182nd, Gardena
lm, Arthur W.	1942	1943	S	832 Marshall Ave., San Bernardino	First	S. C. Clemenson	555-14th St., San Bernardino
lsop, Albert	1945	1945	S	Buenos Aires, Argentina, S.A.	Missionary to Argentina		
nspach, Howard A., D.D.	1913	1930	S	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena 4	Trinity	John M. Ritter	980 Boston Ct., Pasadena 4
werkamp, Orval A.	1935	1935	S	4701 Colorado St., Long Beach 4	Trinity	H. P. Jensen	1915 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach
alsley, Glen O.	1945	1947	N	1309 Tuolumne St., Vallejo	St. Paul's	Gerald H. VaVerka	1532 Louisiana St., Vallejo
artelt, Fred H.	1946	1947	N	1331 Panhandle Blvd., Richmond	St. James		
eason, James P. Jr., D.D.	1923	1937	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 5	President of Synod		
ergstresser, Phillip	1944	1944	N	5425 Brookdale Ave., Oakland	St. John's	Mrs. Leon Aurich	5801 Picardy Drive, Oakland 2
itter, John C.	1917	1923	N	603 E St., Fresno	Wartburg		
onker, Milus W.	1945	1945	N	579 35th St., Richmond	Grace	George H. Sorvig	828-38th St., Richmond
laus, August	1943	1943	N	2112 Lotus Ave., Fresno 2	St. Paul's	Bernhard Steinhauer	2337 Lamona Ave., Fresno
lick, E. Dale	1944	1944	N	643 28th Ave., San Mateo	St. Andrew's	Carl W. Ludvigsen	1504 Cypress Ave., San Mateo
rouser, C. F.	1923	1925	S	3108 Via Corona, Montebello	St. Paul's	Irving M. Sage	1108 S. Townsend Ave., L.A. 23
orn, J. George, D.D.	1915	1927	N	1135 O'Farrell St., S. F. 2	St. Mark's		
ndter, Donald W.	1945	1945	S	801 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix	Faith	Gilbert O. Bengtson	419 E. Oregon St., Phoenix, Ariz
ailing, L. A.	1934	1946	S	1627 N. Landis St., Burbank	Luther Memorial		
orsyth, Willis J.	1946	1947	S	809 Bryant Road, El Monte	Board Missionary		
arman, Quentin P.	1944		S	1368 Law St., Pac. B'ch, S'n Diego 9	Board Missionary		
erberding, Paul				1162 No. Huntington, Pomona	Board Missionary	Pomona, Calif.	
amme, H. Edward	1931	1947	N	3441 Alani Dr., Honolulu, T.H.	Honolulu		
einecken, F. W.	1930	1945	S	4144 9th St., Riverside	Trinity	O. J. Hammar	7157 Potomac St., Riverside
erold, J. S., D.D.	1900	1939	N	1128 N. St., Sanger	St. Paul's		
idy, Ross F.	1942	1945	N	3106 Harbor Gate, Richmond	Com. of Am. Missions		
oland, Clifford B.	1927	1938	S	625 21st Pl., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Clement F. Johnsen	332-12th St., Santa Monica
orrman,	1911	1947	N		Lihue		
udson, Guy L.	1930	1930	S	125 S. Weatherby Dr., L.A. 30	Beverly Hills	Russell F. Amrhein	4438 Laurel Grove Av., N. Holywd.
acobson, Lloyd E.	1939	1947	N	2311 Bowditch St., Berkeley	Lutheran Student Center		
ohnson, Earl J.		1946	S	4668 Tivoli St., San Diego 7	St. Peter's-by-the-Sea		
easey, Lester D.	1946	1946	S	Box 782, Yreka	Trinity Asst. Pastor		
eck, Paul E.	1945	1945	S	908 Church St., Redlands	First	E. R. Hedman	Yucaipa, California
erstetter, Robert D., Ph.D.	1939	1943	S	1733 N. New Hampshire, Hollywood	Hollywood	David M. Lingle	6777 Hollywood Blvd., L.A. 28
nudten, Arthur C., Ph.D.	1920	1943	N	1922 Los Angeles Ave., Berkeley	St. Michael's	Wm. B. Scheehl	5924 Contra Costa Rd., Oakland 11
ohler, Henry I., D.D.	1919	1930	S	7011 S. San Pedro, Los Angeles 3	Bethany	Edward N. Egge	111 E. 77th St., Los Angeles 3
indsay, H. C.	1936	1940	S	1120 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace		
orimer, Harold J.	1944	1944	N	187 N. 10th St., San Jose	Grace	Claus C. Nissen	1596 Lincoln Ave., San Jose
ucas, Herman	1923	1925	N	269 Dolores St., San Francisco 2	St. Matthew's	Herman Faber	621 Kirkham St., S. F. 22
arshall, Robert J.	1944	1944	S	433 N. Atlantic, Alhambra	Grace	M. R. Spencer	110 N. 5th St., Alhambra
attson, Edward J., S.T.D.	1927	1947	N	1233 Portland Ave., Albany 6	No. Calif. Luth. Welfare Council		
ertz, Louis F.	1946	1947	S	3806 San Anseline Ave., Long Beach	Board Missionary	Alfred M. Johnson	5425 Conant St., Lakewood City
iley, Chas. A.	1929	1946	N	810 Harrison Ave., Fresno	First	George L. Harbick	Rt. 8, Box 843, Fresno
iley, Dwight L.	1926	1947	N	380 18th Ave., S.F. 21	First		
iller, Eldon R.	1944	1944	N	15 Latona St., San Francisco 24	Temple		
ield, John B., Ph.D.	1943	1943	S	2506 So. Bronson, Ave., L. A. 16	St. Mark's	W. E. Lebold	843 W. 40th Pl., Los Angeles
slund, J. Edward	1938	1938	N	Reno, Nevada	Nat. Lutheran Council		
obison, David E.	1937	1947	S	204 N. McNees Ave., Whittier	Salem	Henry Andresen	629 S. 6th St., Montebello
omeis, H. Paul	1931	1936	N	711 Arimo St., Oakland	First	Frants Jensen	3139 Sylvan Ave., Oakland 2
omeis, Robert S.	1938	1938	N	1709 L St., Sacramento	St. John's	L. V. Leonard	925 Sutter St., Sacramento
cherer, Henry H.	1928	1943	S	1329 S. Alvarado St., L.A. 6	Advent	Martin H. Smedberg	4174 S. Figueroa St., L.A. 37
choll, Titus R.	1938	1946	S	1919 E. Silver St., Tucson	Our Saviour	Arthur L. Hansen	1725 E. Blacklidge Dr., Tucson
chwenk, Elwood	1921	1947	N	412 Moraga Ave., Piedmont 11			
chwertz, Albert B., D.D.	1924	1941	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 5	First	H. A. Weisman	110 N. Detroit, Los Angeles 36

h, Charles P.	1938	1943	S	2721 E. Florence, Huntington Park	St. Luke's	Rudolph L. Kluck	6931 Wilcox Av., Huntington Park
h, Frederick A., Th.D.	1931	1945	S	1872 N. Ave. 56, L. A. 42, Calif.	So. Calif. Luth. Welfare Council		
lan, A. J., D.D.	1901	1929	S	11421 Waterford St., W.L.A. 24	Westwood Village	P. O. Narveson	709 Burlingame, Los Angeles
ndt, George A.	1945	1945	S	1109 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara	Grace	Harold S. Hansen	333 Mesa Lane, Santa Barbara
er, Edward N.	1930	1931	S	6616 Irving St., No. Hollywood	St. Matthew's	Chas. G. Hilger	11211 Blix St., No. Holywood
ckler, Gerald B.	1946	1947	S	4833 Klump Ave., No. Hollywood	St. Matthew's Asst. Past.		
nson, Franklin A.	1938	1942	S	8320 S. Rayford Dr., L.A. 45	Board Missionary		
bert, Carl V.	1932	1946	S	1303 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale 2	First	Robert R. Inslee	1448 E. Garfield Ave., Glendale
mpson, George N.	1944	1945	S	197 W. Foothill Blvd., Altadena	Altadena		
seler, Erwin A.	1920	1941	S	3744 Robinson Pl., San Diego	First	Harvey L. Muck, Sr.,	3694-33rd St., San Diego 4
gner, Donald E.	1945	1945	S	2641 Hayes Ave., Long Beach 6	Faith	August W. Schaefer	2144 W. Willard, Long Beach 6
iver, J. Benner	1944	1944	S	3120 W. 81st St., Inglewood	Trinity		
ntz, Frederick K.	1945	1945	S	3835¼ Keystone Ave., Culver City	Grace	Amos Clark	3252 Fay Ave., Los Angeles
pert, Paul H.	1943	1943	N	4135 - 14th Ave., Sacramento	First	A. G. Pape	Rt. 8, Box 5815, Sacramento
ngquist, Theodore A.	1946	1947	N	5317 11th Ave., Sacramento	St. Paul's	W. L. Skinner, Jr.	3112 Perryman Way, Sacamento

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RETIRED				
Becker, Otto	1912	1941	N	344 East 92nd St., Los Angeles 3
Broyer, John R., Ph.D.	1896	1912	N	1622 Great Highway, San Francisco 22
Bosserman, Homer L.	1910	1936	S	Rt. 5, Box 156, Tucson, Ariz.
Brandes, William	1888	1896	N	3266 Liberty Ave., Alameda
Crouser, Wm. E., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1898	1902	N	1147 Brace Ave., San Jose
Dysinger, Wm. S., D.D.	1894	1916	S	2466 Lake St., Lincoln, Nebr.
Fieblekorn, Albert	1903	1921	S	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia
Groseclose, Albert L.	1911	1945	S	99 N. Chester Ave., Pasadena 4
Harshman, L. A.	1907	1944	S	717 S. Burlington, Los Angeles 5
Harter, Norman N.	1895	1911	S	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles
Hoick, Edward J., D.D.	1894	1898	S	1041 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles 37
Isham, Arthur A.	1907	1912	S	832 Alvarado St., Redlands
Jatho, Adolph	1887	1895	N	1634 Adeline St., Oakland
Leech, Harvey M.	1894	1919 (1912)	N	2473 Prince St., Berkeley 5
Maggart, C. W., D.D.	1882	1926 (1892)	S	2023 W. 82nd St., Los Angeles
Meyer, Emil	1900	1919	N	3900 Lakeshore, Oakland 10
Miller, Carl A.	1925	1941	S	1201 Clay St., Redlands, Calif.
Miller, Wm. C., S.T.M.	1899	1928	S	Wakeeney, Kans.
Mottern, Warren R., Litt.D. (P.E.M.)	1897	1909	S	211 N. Adams St., Glendale 6
Moyer, F. E.	1912	1944	S	2404 F St., San Diego 2
Poat, Wm. F., LL.D.	1901	1920	S	3710 Mintern St., Riverside
Oehler, Charles F., D.D.	1888	1893	N	1713 J St., Sacramento 14
Schmidt, Henry F.	1895	1930	S	1210 Reynolds Dr., Glendale
Snyder, Daniel J., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1903	1908	S	2085 Linden St., Long Beach 6
Trabert, E. A., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1898	1919	N	828 N. Idaho St., San Mateo
Weaver, H. J., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1894	1900	S	6814 S. Cedar St., Huntington Park
Westenbarger, B. L.	1892	1942	S	1211 N. Howard St., Glendale 6
Yerian, S. H., Ph.D., D.D.	1899	1926	S	4427 59th St., Los Angeles 43
Zeigler, J. A. M., Ph.D., D.D.	1877	1919 (1907)	S	2819 E. California, Huntington Park
CHAPLAINS				
May, Erwin T.	1931	1934	S	Army
Vosseler, Lawrence C.	1941	1941	S	U.S.N.
Wright, Edward D.	1923	1937	S	U.S.N.R.

CONVENTIONS OF THE SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	Pastors	Congregations
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph.D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. M. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30

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28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. W. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	58	37
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52	Glendale	1943	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	67	39
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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD of California

FIRST SESSION

Hollywood, California, January 27, 1947, (8:00 P.M.)

The fifty-sixth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California opened with the confessional service, followed by the administration of the Holy Communion, Liturgists: the Rev. Paul H. Wolpert, the Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter; Administrants: the Rev. H. Paul Romeis and the Rev. A. B. Schwertz; Homolist: the Rev. James P. Beasom. Special music was furnished by the choir of Hollywood Lutheran Church, Hollywood.

The Communion Service was followed by a reception for all delegates, with the women of the Hollywood Church as hostesses.

SECOND SESSION

Hollywood, California, January 28, 1947, (9:00 A.M.)

The Rev. Charles A. Miley, Chaplain, presented the opening devotions on the theme, "The Worth of the Human Soul."

The fifty-sixth annual convention was formally opened by President Beasom, using the prescribed Order.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented the official printed program for the meeting of Synod and moved its adoption, with the recommendation that the luncheon for Christian Education be advanced from Wednesday to Tuesday noon. The motion was seconded and carried.

New members of Synod were introduced as follows: the Rev. H. Edward Hamme, Honolulu Lutheran Church; the Rev. David Robison, Salem United Ev. Lutheran Church, Whittier, California; the Rev. Dwight Miley, First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California; the Rev. Glen O. Balsley, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vallejo, California; the Rev. Fred Bartelt, St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, California; the Rev. Willis Forsyth, organizing a new mission in El Monte, California; the Rev. Quentin P. Garman, organizing a new mission in San Diego, California; the Rev. Louis Mertz, organizing a new mission in Long Beach, California; the Rev. Edward J. Mattson, D.D., Institutional Chaplain of the Lutheran Welfare Council of Northern California; the Rev. Gerald B. Strickler, Asst. Pastor, St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Hollywood, California; the Rev. Theodore A. Youngquist, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California; the Rev. Lloyd Jacobsen, Lutheran Student Pastor at the University of California in Berkeley; the Rev. Elwood Schwenk, Chaplain at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Oakland, California.

The following guests were presented to the Convention: The Rev. Armin G. Weng, Ph.D., President of the Illinois Synod and official representative of the U.L.C.A.; the Rev. Charles Puls, D.D., Pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin and official representative of Midland College; Captain Luther F. Gerhart, U.S.N., Chaplain at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, California; the Rev. M. Scherf of San Francisco, California; the Rev. Paul

Gerberding, Board Missionary; the Rev. Luther G. Weibel, Retired; the Rev. C. N. Swihart, D.D., Retired; Mr. Howard Logan, President of the Luther League of America.

The following committees were appointed for the Convention:

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

President's Report
The Rev. J. Benner Weaver, Chairman; The Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D.D., The Rev. Guy L. Hudson, Mr. John Nelson

Claims
The Rev. Henry Scherer, Chairman; The Rev. George Spindt, Mr. William B. Scheelh, Mr. Carl A. Bell

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The Rev. H. Edward Hamme, Chairman; The Rev. Eldon R. Miller, Mr. David Lingle

Tellers
The Rev. Paul H. Keck, Chairman, The Rev. Louis Mertz, The Rev. George N. Thompson, Mr. Sidney Swanson, Mr. Frantz Jensen

Convention Reporter to the Lutheran
The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.

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Mr. Robert Inslee

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The Rev. Clarence Crouser, Chairman; The Rev. Milus Bonker, The Rev. E. A. Trabert, D.D., Mr. A. G. Pape

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The Rev. E. Dale Click, Jean Rubrecht

The President of Synod presented the following report:

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

". . . but God gave the increase."

The Harvest: No matter what else may be said or written of the life and work of Synod during the year 1946, it shall always be known as a year of Increase. We have all felt the expanding influence of our labors. The Lord has brought us a splendid harvest. It has been a period of expanding frontiers; our borders stretch across the vast Pacific to the garden islands of the ocean and eastward to the valleys of the sun. God has been good to us and blessed us.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving: O Lord God, Heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks that of Thy great goodness and mercy, Thou hast called us by Thy Spirit into Thy Holy service and hast poured out upon us Thy abundant blessing, filling our cup and bringing a glorious harvest of souls for Thy Church; and we beseech Thee by Thy Spirit to keep us ever mindful of Thy presence that we may continue to labor in Thy vineyard, thankfully and helpfully; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

While it shall be incumbent upon us to be ever grateful unto the Lord for His gifts, we are mindful that He has given to us His servants, as co-laborers, through whom He builds His Church. Among these are those who have gone before us, planting the seed. Some of these, our fellow pastors, are still with us, active in His service, yet retired from a regular pastorate; others have fallen asleep. They planted the seed, even as it is given unto us to plant for those who shall follow after us. To all of these, we are bound by ties of Christian thanksgiving.

Even as there were and are those who have planted and are planting the seed, there are those whom God has given unto us to water; faithful pastors, consecrated laymen, devout parish workers, talented musicians, officers, councilmen, teachers, workers, men, women, missionaries, Luther Leaguers and children. To all we give thanks, and for all we pray.

The Committees of Synod: The work of the Church must be done both within the parish and beyond the parish, and yet all is so inextricably bound together that it would be difficult to know where one ends and the other begins. For this wider activity, there are a number of committees and officers that serve the Church. Their individual reports will be found in this volume, but their efforts must be counted in terms of many hours and days and weeks, which cannot be reduced to writing. For all who have served, we would like to express the appreciation of a grateful Synod.

I am sure that it will not be thought ill-advised if I single out one to whom special recognition should be given. I refer to our efficient treasurer, who has served the Synod for about thirteen years, Mr. William B. Scheehl. During his tenure of office, he has seen the work grow from a few thousand dollars annually to several hundred thousand dollars annually. And all of these funds have had to pass through his hands to the proper agencies. During this time, he has been faithful, sincere, cooperative and helpful. Synod will always owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude. Because of the press of his personal business, it has become necessary for him to relinquish his office. We are sorry he must sever these ties in this official office, but we know that he will continue to be active in the work of the Church. For Synod, as well as for the Church at large, we wish to express the appreciation of the whole Church.

The President's Office: At the direction of Synod in its last Convention, an office for the president of Synod was established at 3119 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles 5, California, in one of the spacious rooms of the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles. The Synod is grateful to this loyal congregation which made the space available for Synod without cost. All that has been paid to the congregation has amounted to twenty-five dollars per month for utilities and janitor service.

At the time that the office of the president was established, Mrs. Jeanne Rubrecht was employed on half-time as a private secretary to the president of Synod. She has served ably and faithfully during these many months, giving practically full-time on the half-time salary. Much of the efficiency of the office and a great deal of the credit for the Synod's expanding program can be traced to her service, for this work could not have been done had it not been for the work that she has done in relieving the president of Synod of many clerical duties and responsibilities. To her we express our appreciation.

Your president has now completed his second year in office on a full-time basis. He is aware of his many mistakes and failures, and he prays that the Lord and His Church may forgive him. He is, likewise, aware of the powerful way God has been able to use him. He marvels at it and often wonders why. But since the Lord seems to continue to be with him and to show him more and more fields of service, he humbly obeys and seeks to serve in faith.

One will find in the reports of Synod, the material advance of the Church. It is difficult to report on the spiritual advance. We sincerely believe that there has been and continues to exist among us a great company of the invisible Church. We have felt a deepening of faith within congregations; a readiness to share the material blessings that they might be miraculously transformed into spiritual ones for Christ; an enlisting of an ever-increasing number for full-time and part-time work in the kingdom; a larger vision of the larger work of the Church; a consciousness of the real presence of Jesus, and in many other ways too numerous to mention. We pray that we may all walk together in the WAY with Him.

In carrying out the duties of the office, your president has been required to be away from his home more than two-thirds of the time traveling many thousands of miles (over 30,000 miles by car, over 20,000 miles by train, over 10,000 miles by plane, over 4,000 miles by boat.) It would be difficult to count the number of letters written, reports made, conferences held, sermons preached,

addresses given, etc. It is much better that it is so. God knows, and that is all that matters.

The Conferences: Synod, at present, is divided into two conferences: Northern and Southern. Each has a president upon whom the president of Synod depends greatly. The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, the First Vice-President of Synod and President of Northern Conference, has had to carry a heavier load due to the location of the president's office in the Los Angeles area. Since the office of the president of Synod is located in the church plant of the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, of which the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., is the pastor, and also president of the Southern Conference, the president of Synod frequently leans upon him for assistance and advice. Both Pastors Romeis and Schwertz have served well and deserve the commendation of Synod.

Because of the tremendous volume of business transacted by Synod, the secretary of Synod, the Rev. Paul H. Wolpert, has been required to give many hours to his office. Legal papers alone have consumed a great deal of time. Your president would like to express to him his appreciation for this faithful cooperation.

To all other Board members, officers and workers, who, likewise, have served Synod so well during the past year, a grateful appreciation is expressed.

Hawaii: In cooperation with the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., the president of the United Lutheran Church in America, and other officers of the Church, your president had had the privilege of welcoming into our fellowship two congregations in the Hawaiian Islands. These two churches have had a glorious history and have contributed much to the spiritual, cultural and material development of the Islands. They have had almost a hundred years of independent development. They now give up that status to unite their efforts with ours for a larger work both in the Islands and throughout the world. A special word of appreciation must be expressed for the efforts toward this union, of the Rev. Arthur Hormann, Ph.D., who has cared for these two churches for over forty years. The two congregations to be received formally at this convention are:

The Lutheran Church of Honolulu, the Rev. H. Edward Hamme, pastor

The Lutheran Church of Lihue, the Rev. Arthur Hormann, Ph.D., pastor.

We appreciate this opportunity that is ours in working with these our brothers and sisters in the faith across the seas. May the Lord lead us into a closer fellowship in His service.

New Congregations: As you will note in the report of the Home Mission Committee, there are four newly organized congregations seeking admittance to Synod at this convention. Their existence is due to the faithfulness of their missionary pastors and their faithful people, as well as through the helpfulness of the Board of American Missions. These congregations are recommended to you for your acceptance:

1. The Salem United Ev. Lutheran Church, of Whittier, California, The Rev. Paul Gerberding, organizer; the Rev. David Robison, pastor; (March 6, 1946)
2. The Luther Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church, of Burbank, California, The Rev. L. A. Failing, organizer and pastor; (Sept. 22, 1946)
3. The St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, of Richmond, California, The Rev. Fred Bartelt, organizer and pastor; (Dec. 1, 1946)
4. The St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Ev. Lutheran Church, of San Digeo, California, The Rev. Earl Johnson, organizer and pastor, (Dec. 8, 1946)

It is a privilege always to receive congregations into the membership of Synod and to extend the hand of fellowship. It is our special joy to welcome these congregations and pastors into our ranks. May the Lord bless our walk together.

Our Field: The Church marches on. Five other fields are already occupied by faithful pastors and missionaries; Loyola Village, Los Angeles, California, the Rev. Franklin A. Swanson; Lakewood City, Long Beach, California, the Rev. Louis Mertz; Pacific Beach, San Diego, California, the Rev. Quentin Garman; El Monte, California; the Rev. Willis Forsyth; and Pomona, California, the Rev. Paul Gerberding.

Besides these five, a large number of other fields have been surveyed or are in preparation for survey in California, Arizona, Nevada and the Hawaiian Islands. It is anticipated that a number of these will be occupied in the near future.

The Organizations: There are three organized auxiliaries recognized by Synod: The Women's Missionary Society, the Brotherhood and The Luther League. Each is doing a magnificent service in our Synod. Synod has already received from the Synodical Women's Missionary Society over $3,000 for missions on our territory, and this society has raised this year an additional $3,000 or more for this purpose.

Two well organized district Luther Leagues exist within Synod and a third is in the process of formation. The former two exist in Northern and Southern California, and the latter is being organized in Arizona. Besides these, plans are under way for the development of a synodical Luther League. A first such convention was held over last Labor Day week-end at the St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, of Fresno, California.

Synod was highly honored at the convention of the Luther League of America when Mr. Howard Logan, a member of the First Ev. Lutheran Church of Glendale, California, was elected its international president. Mr. Logan is a returned veteran who has been active in the youth work of the Church both in the east and the west, as well as while in the Army. We pledge to Mr. Logan and the Luther League of America our prayers and our loyal support.

With the close of the war, a renewed emphasis has been given to the Brotherhood work of our congregations and of Synod. Outstanding among these many activities is the formation of the Southern Conference Brotherhood, under the presidency of Mr. F. J. Bowman, a member of the Home Missions Committee of Synod. Three dinner meetings have been held this past year: at First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, at Advent Ev. Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, and at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club. At this latter session Dr. Charles B. Foelsch, President of the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, spoke to over four hundred men.

Our Chaplains: Of the seven pastors of Synod who enlisted as chaplains in the armed services, three have returned to active pastorates: Chaplain Clarence Crouser is now the pastor of the St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, California; Chaplain Franklin A. Swanson is organizing a congregation in Los Angeles, California; and Chaplain Henry W. Opperman is now the pastor of a congregation in Toronto, Canada. Three other chaplains have enlisted in the regular Army or Navy: Chaplain (Comdr.) D. Edward Wright, Chaplain (Lt. Comdr.) Lawrence Vosseler and Chaplain (Major) Erwin T. May. The seventh, Chaplain Delmar L. Dyreson, was discharged with honors from the Army and called as Associate Director of the General Comm. on Army & Navy Chaplains in Washington, D. C., to edit The Link, a serviceman's Christian magazine. The Synod is justly proud of all of these men, and expressed to each her appreciation.

Even though our congregations are gradually getting back to normal peace time life, there are many young men from our churches still in service, and others who are going from time to time. We are mindful of all of these and wish to go with them in every service which we may render. To the many returned service men in our churches, we express our thanks for a grand job well done. We invite each to assist us through the Church to win the battle now for Christ. We encourage each to take an active part.

We shall ask the chaplain of this convention to hold a fitting memorial service of Synod for all of those of our congregations who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces of World War II, and we shall ask him to offer a prayer unto Almighty God for those who are now in Veteran's hospitals or at home, disabled due to the war.

Our Students: A list of those who are our students for the gospel ministry will be found in the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education. In spite of the tremendously fine job that this committee has done and the large number of young men and women who have offered themselves for full-time service in

the Church, we are in desperate need for more pastors, deaconesses, parish workers and missionaries. Every congregation must feel the sense of responsibility in this urgent appeal. The Lord is calling for the young men and women of the Church. Let Him speak through us to them.

Our Institutions of Learning: The Midland College campaign must be completed. Your representatives on the Board of Trustees have guaranteed the full payments of the quota for Synod. We are still short about seven thousand dollars. Upon this amount Synod will pay interest until it reaches her goal. Those congregations that have not completed the campaign should make provision to do so in and through the regular budget of the congregation.

We are fortunate to have as the representative of Midland College at our convention, the president of the Alumni Association of the College, the Rev. Charles Puls, D.D., the pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin. Let us listen to his message and heed his requests.

The future of Western Lutheran Theological Seminary will come before this convention for a serious decision. Your president urges thoughtful action on the part of all delegates.

The California Lutheran Home: During the past year, considerable time has been given to the purchase, the raising of funds, the financing, the organization of the California Lutheran Home for the Aged. In another place in this volume, a complete report of this will be given. This culminates years of prayers and efforts. It is our one institution now on the territory of Synod; it deserves our first efforts. Your president wishes to commend all who have assisted or contributed to the making of the Home possible.

The U.L.C.A.: We believe in the larger Church with its world-wide program and fellowship. Our faith in Christ constrains us to fulfill at least the minimum goal set by the Church in Convention to carry out the New Testament injunctions, and if it is at all possible it should be our aim to go the second mile. Each congregation should strive to do this in 1947; since 1948, the thirtieth anniversary of the U.L.C.A., is the year in which we are to be given the appeal of the Church to double the benevolence apportionment. Pray, inform and work toward this end.

To all of our congregations and all of our pastors who have done so splendidly during 1946 in the apportionment appeals of the Church, your president expresses the gratitude of the whole Church. Likewise, he wishes to thank all our U.L.C.A. visitors who have contributed so much to the life and work of our Synod, which both directly and indirectly affected our apportionment receipts.

The National Lutheran Council: The Lutheran World Action appeal for $10,000,000 over a two-year period is still before the Church. It should be completed by Easter of 1947. Most of the congregations of Synod have reached their two-year quota, and many of them have exceeded it. Synod, as a whole, has just about reached its 100% for the two-year period. We hope that it can be announced as such by the time the convention is in session. Those congregations that have reached their quota, are urged to place the appeal before their congregations once more before Lent, and all of the congregations are requested to make the annual appeal in May.

There are many activities of the National Lutheran Council on our territory; the service centers, Lutheran welfare councils, student work, regional home mission committees and the housing ministry. Many of the men and women who are serving in these activities are members of our Synod. To these and all others, as well as to the National Lutheran Council, we express our gratitude. Wherever possible, both pastors and congregations are encouraged to lend support to these efforts of our united church.

Salaries: The unsettled economic conditions have worked a hardship upon our pastors and church workers. Many of the congregations of Synod have recognized the difficulty and have made provision for the rise in salary and expense allowances. Some of these are inadequate and some are far from the minimum of need. It is difficult to determine the exact percentage of increase, but the Board of American Missions has set a precedent of 15%. This percentage of increase is being given for the next six months on all salaries paid

missionaries by the Board. After six months, the Board will restudy the needs. Congregations are encouraged to follow a similar procedure.

Pensions for Pastors and Church Workers: If it is at all possible, every active pastor and church worker of Synod should be covered by the Contributory Pension Plan of the U.L.C.A. before November 1, 1947. Those failing to enter by that date will lose certain contributions now being made by the Church. Congregations should study the program and make provision for their service personnel at once.

Publication House: It is anticipated that the Los Angeles branch of the United Lutheran Publication House will be in operation about the first of February. Afer this date, all orders from the Publication House should be sent through the Los Angeles store. Pastors, Church workers, Church school teachers, congregations and other religious groups should encourage the purchase of all religious supplies through the same outlet. The address of the store is 3103 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles 5, California. The store manager will be Mr. Howard L. Logan.

Program of Advance:

1. That Synod adopt the three R program:
   a. **Recruit:** That the period from February 1, 1947 until Easter be set aside to recruit the unchurched through personal lay evangelism, with a goal of a 10% increase for the year 1947.
   b. **Retain:** That the period between Easter and Pentecost be set aside for a program of orientation of all within the congregation, especially those who have united within the past year, with the life of the congregation and the Church at large.
   c. **Reclaim:** That the period beginning September 1, 1947 until World Communion Sunday be set aside to bridge the gap between our communing and our confirmed membership, with the goal of 10% gain in percentage of communing over confirmed.
2. That Synod make a united financial appeal during the period between World Communion Sunday and the beginning of Advent.
3. That Synod make a special appeal during 1947 to underwrite the indebtedness on the Home for the Aged.
4. That Synod continue its support of the Home Missions Program.
5. That Synod empower the Executive Committee to approve a Synodical Luther League, if and when organized.

The Status of Congregations: This portion of the report has been printed in the Golden State Lutheran.

Official Acts and Statistics:

1. RESIGNATIONS:

   March 10, 1946, The Rev. Robert Hooker, The First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California.
   July 1, 1946, The Rev. Carl Miller, The First English Lutheran Church, Redlands, California.
   July 15, 1946, The Rev. Paul Keck, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California.
   November 1, 1946, The Rev. Joseph Peterson, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vallejo, California.

2. CALLS ACCEPTED:

   March 1, 1946, The Rev. Donald Wagner, Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California.
   May 1, 1946, The Rev. Gerald Strickler, Asst. Pastor, St. Matthews Ev. Lutheran Church, North Hollywood, California.
   July 1, 1946, The Rev. Clarence Crouser, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California.
   September 1, 1946, The Rev. Paul Keck, First English Lutheran Church, Redlands, California.

November 1, 1946, The Rev. Theodore Youngquist, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California.

November 1, 1946, The Rev. Titus Scholl, Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona.

December 30, 1946, The Rev. Frederick K. Wentz, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Culver City, California.

3. CALLS ACCEPTED AS BOARD MISSIONARIES:

The Rev. Dwight Miley, First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California.

The Rev. Glen O. Balsley, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vallejo California.

The Rev. L. A. Failing, Luther Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church, Burbank, California.

The Rev. David Robison, Salem United Ev. Lutheran Church, Whittier, California.

The Rev. Fred Bartelt, St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, California.

The Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, New Mission, Los Angeles, California.

The Rev. Willis Forsyth, New Mission, El Monte, California.

The Rev. Quentin Garman, New Mission, San Diego, California.

The Rev. Louis Mertz, New Mission, Long Beach, California.

4. INSTALLATIONS:

January 6, 1946, The Rev. Charles A. Miley, First Ev. Lutheran Church, Fresno, California.

February 3, 1946, The Rev. Eldon R. Miller, Temple Ev. Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California.

February 3, 1946, The Rev. Milus Bonker, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, California.

February 10, 1946, The Rev. Lester D. Keasey, Asst. Pastor, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Pasadena, California.

March 17, 1946, The Rev. Donald Wagner, Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California.

May 5, 1946, The Rev. George Spindt, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, California.

June 30, 1946, The Rev. Gerald B. Strickler, Asst. Pastor, St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Hollywood, California.

July 7, 1946, The Rev. Donald Endter, Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona.

September 15, 1946, The Rev. Clarence Crouser, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California.

December 1, 1946, The Rev. Theodore A. Youngquist, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California.

5. ORDINATIONS:

June 23, 1946, The Rev. Theodore A. Youngquist, at First Ev. English Lutheran Church, Glendale, California.

6. ORGANIZATION OF CONGREGATIONS:

March 6, 1946, The Salem United Ev. Lutheran Church, Whittier, California, the Rev. Paul Gerberding, Organizer.

September 22, 1946, The Luther Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church, Burbank, California, the Rev. L. A. Failing, Organizer.

December 1, 1946, St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, California, the Rev. Fred Bartelt, Organizer.

December 8, 1946, St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Ev. Lutheran Church, San Diego, California, the Rev. Earl Johnson, Organizer.

7. ORGANIZED CONGREGATIONS:

The Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Honolulu, T. H.

The Lutheran Church of Lihue, Lihue, T. H.

8. DEDICATIONS:

February 17, 1946, Parsonage, First Ev. Lutheran Church, San Bernardino, California.
March 17, 1946, Parish Hall, Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California.
March 31, 1946, Parsonage, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, California.
May 5, 1946, Re-dedication, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, California.
September 22, 1946, Pipe Organ, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, California.
November 3, 1946, Westwood Village Ev. Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California.

9. CORNERSTONE LAYING SERVICES:

February 10, 1946, Westwood Village Ev. Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California.

December 8, 1946, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Culver City, California.

The awful reality of the tremendous responsibility that is ours as the Lord's Church on this vast and vital territory, weighs heavily upon the heart of your president. He is conscious of his and Synod's inability to measure up to that which should be done, but he is aware that all of us are failing because we are not in faith accepting all of the promises of our blessed Saviour. Let us as a Synod rededicate ourselves to a more earnest search for the souls of the lost and the primacy of the kingdom of God. Let us knock at more and more doors of the homes that are within our parishes, that in so doing we may be knocking at the door of heaven. Let us ask for more and more from those whom God has given into our care, that through them the Lord may give us the means with which to build His Church. Let us pray for one another and for those of the household of faith everywhere. Let us drink deeply of the fountain of His love that we may live in that love, in understanding, forgiveness and creative activity in His vineyard. Let us read faithfully His Word that we may always live in the presence of His being that He might shine through us as good vessels for His service. Let us be known as preachers of that WORD, that lives might be changed and a new society, rich, peaceful, happy, faithful and helpful might come into being. Let us be a SYNOD, not in name only, but in deed and in truth, walking in the WAY with HIM, now and always. Amen.

Humbly and respectfully submitted,

JAMES PRINCE BEASOM, President.

The Report was referred to the Committee on the Pesident's Report.

The Treasurer of Synod presented his report:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA BY CONGREGATIONS

January 31st, to December 31st, 1946

Congregation	Apport.	% Paid	I.L.W.A.	Midland College	Youth Worker	Other	Totals
Alhambra, Grace	$ 1,224.00	100	$ 1,464.00	$ 90.00	$ 100.00	$ 128.76	$ 3,006.76
Altadena, Altadena	402.01	111.7	443.23		5.00	44.93	895.17
Berkeley, St. Michael's	876.00	100	721.55	50.00		373.55	2,021.10
Beverly Hills, Bev. Hills	1,092.00	100	496.58			100.00	1,688.58
Burbank, Luther Memorial	109.00	*	30.00				139.00
Culver City, Grace	185.00	102.7	235.98			15.50	436.48
El Monte, Mission	7.15	*					7.15
Fresno, First	1,128.00	100	752.63	140.00			2,020.63
Fresno, St. Paul's	700.00	100	1,010.76	75.00			1,785.76
Fresno, Wartburg	202.00	153	223.00				425.00
Gardena, St. John's	490.00	102	576.00			8.64	1,074.64
Glendale, First	3,600.00	109.5	6,034.44	1,211.00	180.00	2,177.65	13,203.09
Hollywood, Hollywood	3,892.00	120	4,478.00		200.00	1,394.00	9,964.00
Honolulu, Lutheran	251.83	*	427.96				679.79
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	1,590.00	106	792.03			15.00	2,397.03
Inglewood, Holy Trinity	1,035.00	100.3	475.00				1,510.83
Long Beach, Faith	266.35	105.7					574.95
Long Beach, Lakewood Village	10.00	*					10.00
Long Beach, Trinity	1,356.00	100	1,626.00				2,982.00
Los Angeles, Advent	840.00	102.9	978.00	418.70		91.03	2,327.73
Los Angeles, Bethany	876.00	100	350.00				1,226.00
Los Angeles, First	2,292.00	100	3,000.00	1,000.00		200.00	6,492.00
Los Angeles, Loyola Village	25.00	*					25.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	804.00	100	1,000.02	50.00		5.00	1,859.02
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	204.48	100	41.00				245.48
Nor. Hollywood, St. Matthew's	1,428.00	100	1,716.00			25.00	3,169.00
Oakland, First	1,341.28	101.6	2,163.24	120.00	70.00	677.55	4,372.07
Oakland, St. John's	504.00	100	484.56	60.00		24.09	1,072.65
Pasadena, Trinity	1,620.00	100	2,234.02		90.54	61.38	4,005.94
Phoenix, Faith	360.00	100	753.62	125.00	57.50	14.00	1,310.12

Phoenix, Grace	3,000.00	100	1,835.88				4,835.88
Pomona, Mission		*	20.00				20.00
Redlands, First	470.00	100	540.00		31.50		1.041.50
Richmond, Grace	1,412.35	113.2	1,396.00		100.00	195.41	3,103.76
Richmond, St. James	15.00	*	5.00			5.00	25.00
Riverside, Trinity	396.00	100	480.50		20.00		896.50
Sacramento, First	1,056.00	100	1,193.27	100.00	100.00	7.18	2,456.45
Sacramento, St. John's	2,196.00	100	2,888.76	275.00	55.00		5,414.76
Sacramento, St. Paul's	144.54	200	142.83		22.50		309.87
San Bernardino, First	852.00	100	1,088.98	120.00		18.50	2,079.48
San Diego, First	2,132.87	137.8	1,232.53		50.00	47.75	3,463.15
San Diego, Pacific Beach	15.05	*	10.00				25.05
San Diego, St. Peter's	134.85	*					134.85
San Francisco, First	324.00	100	86.50				410.50
San Francisco, St. Mark's	1,728.00	100	1,855.00	336.00		126.00	4,045.00
San Francisco, St. Matthews	637.00	100	1,000.00			35.00	1,672.00
San Francisco, Temple	228.00	100	348.34	120.00			696.34
Sanger, St. Paul's	156.00	100	208.00				364.00
San Jose, Grace	636.00	100	405.15				1,041.15
San Mateo, St. Andrew's	471.91	100.8	196.18		46.50		714.59
Sta. Barbara, Grace	396.86	122.5	528.02	50.00		40.75	1,015.63
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	1,692.18	122.6	1,106.10	500.00			3,298.28
Tucson, Our Saviour's	360.73	100	624.42	120.00		3.00	1,108.15
Vallejo, St. Paul's	432.10	100	145.60		60.00	74.55	712.25
Westwood Village	372.00	100					372.00
Whittier, Salem	285.45	*					285.45
Convention Offerings			108.16				
Women's Missionary Society			75.00				
Synod of Calif.							
Other Offerings for L.W.A.			104.00				
TOTALS	$48,256.82	107.4	$50,440.44	$4,960.70	$1,188.54	$5,909.22	$110,755.72

The Report was adopted

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946

		Receipts	Disbursements
BALANCES, January 1, 1946			
Synodical Treasury	$ 4,288.59		
President's Office fund	2,565.36		
Calif. Home Mission fund	3,664.83		
President's Special Mission fund	338.00		
	$10,856.78	$ 10,856.78	
APPORTIONMENT RECEIPTS:			
United Lutheran Church	$21,233.00		$ 21,233.00
Midland College	6,755.99		6,755.99
Midland College Gifts		4,960.70	4,960.70
Synodical Treasury	9,651.34		
President's Office fund	7,238.51		
Calif. Home Missions fund	3,377.98		
Total apportionment receipts		$ 48,256.82	
OTHER RECEIPTS:			
Lutheran World Action		$ 50,440.44	$ 50,440.44
Foreign Missions		613.44	613.44
Home Missions		531.87	531.87
Social Missions		397.75	397.75
American Bible Society		142.16	142.16
Children of the Church		95.34	95.34
Youth Worker, Cong. gifts		1,188.54	
President's salary			4,800.00
President's pension			192.00
Special allow. for Pres. for 1945			500.00
President's expense allowance			1,800.00
Special travel allowances		82.00	402.00
Equipping President's office			462.47
Supplies etc., President's office			381.56
Salary, Pres.'s secy. (8 months)			600.00
For utilities, etc for President's office (8 mos.)			200.00
Other officers' salaries			450.00
Exec. Comm. (meetings) exp.			422.90
Home Mission exp. (meetings)			275.46
Other Committees' expenses			146.26
Postage and stationery			179.53
Telephone and telegrams			75.49
Publ. Golden State Lutheran			501.04
Convention travel expense			1,177.91
Other convention expense			79.02
Printing Minutes of Synod			603.45
Per-diem allow. ULCA delegates			700.00
Ministerial education			1,150.00
Travel allowances for Ministerial education		692.84	692.84
University Student work		675.00	675.00
Calif. Lutheran Camp (fees, insurance, etc.)			90.00
National Park Churches			125.00
Miscellaneous expense items			70.43
Loan, Deposit for Home for Aged		1,000.00	1,000.00

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Loan, Home for Aged, to complete payment			296.62
Receipts & disbursements, Home for Aged, New account		61,209.00	58,840.05
Transferred from Synod Treasury to Home for Aged acct.			1,500.00
Transferred from Synod Treasury to Home Mission acct.			1,500.00
Receipts & disbursements, Old Home Mission acct.		1,100.00	3,828.74
Apportionment receipts to Home Missions acct.			3,049.40
Old Home Missions acct. bal. tansferred to new acct.			1,602.67
Miscellaneous receipts		54.35	
Special loans to Home Missions acct.		4,000.00	4,000.00
		$186.297.03	$177.540.53
Balances December 31, 1946			
Synodical Treasury	$ 5,199.01		
Youth Worker, reserve	1,188.54		
Home for Aged	2,368.95		
	$ 8,756.50		$ 8,756.50
		$186.297.03	$186,297.03

Note—President's Office fund now merged with Synodical treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

HOME MISSIONS FUND FOR YEAR 1946

		Receipts	Disbursements
Balances, Jan. 1st, 1946			
Regular account	$ 3,664.83		
Special President's fund	338.00		
		$ 4,002.83	
Apportionment Receipts		3,427.31	
Funds borrowed for property purchases		122,085.05	115,964.23
Interest paid on loans			1,151.26
Rental receipts from parsonages		2,545.00	
Escrow settlements		291.28	
Transferred fom Synod Treasury		1,500.00	
Special gifts received		510.00	
Loans and deposits on properties		2,025.00	9,266.60
Deposit returned		100.00	
B.A.M. contribution to Temple Church project		250.00	
Miscellaneous receipts		106.34	
Payments to B.A.M. on loans			1,331.38
Gifts and grants			670.56
Repairs and remodelling			710.41
Rental for places of Worship		480.00	1,270.00
Taxes on Mission properties			412.76
Insurance paid on Mission properties			194.00
Surveys			567.94

Special loans	542.36	642.36
Mission Camp		152.00
Miscellaneous		144.29
Borrowed from Synodical Treasury	4,000.00	4,000.00
		$136,477.79
Balance on hand December 31, 1946		5,387.38
	$141,865.17	$141,865.17

HOME FOR AGED FUND FOR YEAR 1946

Balance in savings account Jan. 1, 1946	$ 24,441.11	
Interest earned on savings	122.05	
Interest on U. S. Bonds	187.50	
Escrow settlement, La Crescenta property	16.02	
Proceeds, U. S. Bond redemption	9,862.00	
Borrowed from Synodical treasury; old account	296.62	
La Crescenta property purchased		10,025.30
Gifts from individuals & organizations	5,809.00	
Funds borrowed	50,500.00	8,500.00
Payments on Jebbia property		75,000.00
Escrow fees, insurance, etc.; Jebbia property		265.31
Taxes, La Crescenta property		54.67
Part payment received on sale of La Crescenta property	5,000.00	
Interest on bank loan		20.07
	$ 96,234.30	$ 93,865.35
Balance, December 31, 1946		2,368.95
	$ 96,234.30	$ 96,234.30

CONSOLIDATED REPORT ON FINANCIAL CONDITION OF SYNOD

December 31, 1946

Cash in Synodical Treasury	$ 5,199.01	
Youth Worker, reserve	1,188.54	
Home for Aged fund	2,368.95	
Total cash on hand, general fund		8,756.50
Cash in Home Missions account		5,387.38
Home for Aged, Jebbia property at cost		75,000.00
Balance due on sale of La Crescenta property		5,000.00
Notes receivable, General fund		2,000.00
Notes and loans, Home Mission account		4,100.00
Loan due Home for Aged, Old account		296.62
		$100,540.50
Less debt on Jebbia property	$42,000.00	
Less loan due from old account, H. for A.	296.62	
		$ 42,296.62
Balance		$ 58,243.88

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. SCHEEL, Treasurer

The Report of the Auditors was presented by Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl:

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

Oakland, California, January 24, 1947

We have examined the books and accounts of W. B. Scheehl, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and find them correct and in order and the balances of $8756.50 in the general accounts and $5,387.38 in the Home Missions account to be in accord with the balances shown by the bank statements.

The Auditing Committee,

MR. DONALD M. McLEOD

MR. HARRY B. O'BRIEN

The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl:

The Rev. Henry Scherer presented the following report:

STATE OF THE CHURCH

The State of the Church, as the statistical reports manifest, is one of continued and accelerated growth and activity.

There has been a constant gain in communicant membership. For three successive years our Synod has shown the largest percentage of communicant gain in the United Lutheran Church in America. We are likely to continue to hold that record for the fourth year, 1946. With a national goal of 10% increase in communing members each year, our gain was 19.86%.

Of last years' 46 congregations, 29 made a gain of 10% or better in communicants. (* indicates that the communicant gain equals or exceeds the confirmed growth):

*Alhambra, *Altadena, *Berkeley, *Culver City, *Gardena, *Glendale, Hollywood, *Inglewood, Long Beach-Faith, Long Beach Trinity, *Los Angeles Advent, Los Angeles First English, Los Angeles St. Mark's, Los Angeles St. Paul's, North Hollywood, Phoenix Faith, *Richmond Grace, *Riverside, *Sacramento First English, Sacramento St. John's, *Sacramento St. Paul's, San Bernardino, San Francisco, St. Mark's, San Francisco, Temple, *Sanger, *San Jose, *Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Tucson. Besides these, four congregations had a communing growth equal to the confirmed growth: Fresno, St. Paul's, Huntington Park, San Diego, First and San Francisco, First English.

It has been another Alice in Wonderland year (one must run hard just to stay even), with 18 congregations that gained in communing membership dropping lower in rank in Synod.

Only four churches remained among the ten largest in communicant gains. Only four remained in the ten largest confirmed gains. Only three remained in the ten largest baptized gains.

A phenomenal growth is recorded in all giving. For the third consecutive year all congregations paid 100% or more benevolence. Property value, including the Home for the Aged, crowds the two and one-half million dollar mark.

Healthy increases are recorded for the Sunday School, all auxiliary groups and catechumens. Do you know of any city of 23,243 souls where only 7 children died last year? How thankful we can be that so large a baptized membership, only 7 child deaths were recorded in 1946.

Evangelism is on the upswing. Not only are we winning our members, but we are holding them. Synod as a whole is growing almost as fast in communing as in confirmed membership. Were it not for some pastors who have two sets of figures, one in which they tell the size of their congregations, and one on which they pay apportionment, we would almost equal confirmed growth with communing gains. It takes three costly things to keep gaining as many communicants as confirmands: diligent pastoral care, accurate records and honest reporting. Because so many are paying the price, our Synod is growing in numbers and spiritual power as God has never blessed her before.

It is interesting to hear the president of Synod comment that 1946 benevolent receipts include almost $10,000 from the new congregations received since 1942. Good evangelism and good financing tie together, from congregation to Synod. And our pastors without parsonages now number but 21; last year there were 27. Thirty-one (31) pastors now live in a church parsonage, over as against 19 a year ago.

Eighteen congregations grew into the next higher hundred in communing membership:

Glendale, skipping from 600 to 800;
Hollywood, moving from 600 to 700;
Los Angeles, First English, and Sacramento, St. John's—500;
Alhambra, Long Beach, Trinity, North Hollywood, Richmond, Grace, and Santa Monica, attaining 300;
Berkeley (back again), Los Angeles, Advent, San Bernardino—200;
Altadena, Gardena, Honolulu, Phoenix, Faith, Riverside, Santa Barbara and Tucson—100.

In the Confirmed bracket:

Hollywood reaches 1000; Phoenix, Grace, 750;
Long Beach, Trinity, Pasadena, Santa Monica pass 500.

In Baptized figures:

North Hollywood and Santa Monica attain 750;
Oakland, First reaches 500.

God is working in our midst, and we give Him all the praise for what has been achieved in our beloved Synod this past year. May we all be better stewards of God's grace in this next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on the State of the Church

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP OF AVERAGE CONGREGATION

Year	ULCA	% Communing	Gain over last year	Calif. Synod	% Communing	Gain over last year
1941	204	67.41	2	148	57.45	2
1942	205	67.11	1	154	58.17	6
1943	207	66.76	2	173	58.37	19
1944	211	66.91	4	188	60.35	15
1945	215	67.06	4	195	62.59	7
1946				207	65.91	12

Year	Number of Confirmed Members not Communing	Percentage of Confirmed Members not Communing
1946	5,574	34.09
1945	5,373	37.50
1944	5,067	39.65
1943	4,445	40.31
1942	4,212	41.83
1941	4,159	42.55

The percentage improves—but the gap grows wider. Let's start closing the gap in 1947.

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP IN CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Year	Churches with membership of: 100-199	200-299	300 and up		Largest Congregation
1892	4	2	0	San Francisco, First Eng.	260
1896	6	..	..	Los Angeles, First Eng.	190
1901	2	3	..	San Francisco, First Eng.	237
1906	2	..	..	San Francisco, First Eng.	182
1911	2	1	2	Los Angeles, First Eng.	369
1916	8	1	4	San Francisco, St. Mark's	549
1921	9	1	3	San Francisco, St. Mark's	1327
1926	12	3	1	Fresno, St. Paul's	346
1931	12	3	1	Hollywood	315
1936	14	4	1	Hollywood	368
1941	13	7	3	Hollywood	507
1946	13	8	14	Glendale	802

PERCENTAGE OF CONFIRMED MEMBERS REPORTED AS COMMUNING

1. Sacramento, St. Paul's.....91.11%
2. Los Angeles, St. Paul's.....87.50
3. San Diego, St. Peter's.....86.30
4. Santa Barbara.....84.75
5. Altadena.....82.89
6. Richmond, Grace.....82.08
7. Riverside.....81.52
8. Inglewood.....80.50
9. Phoenix, Faith.....80.00
10. Whittier.....79.45
11. Sacramento, St. John's.....78.47
12. Gardena.....77.70
13. Glendale.....77.64
14. Los Angeles, Advent.....77.33
15. Sacramento, First English.....76.54
16. Phoenix, Grace.....76.21
17. Burbank.....75.44
18. Redlands.....74.38
19. San Mateo.....74.22
20. Tucson.....72.13
21. Oakland, St. John's.....71.43
22. Berkeley.....71.38
23. Beverly Hills.....69.97
24. Huntington Park.....69.77
25. Alhambra.....69.68
26. Long Beach, Faith.....69.52
27. Oakland, First.....68.03
28. Vallejo.....68.00
29. Fresno, First.....67.77
30. San Jose.....67.48
31. Pasadena.....67.31
32. Hollywood.....67.14
33. Culver City.....62.50
34. Lihue.....62.22
35. Long Beach, Trinity.....61.58
36. Santa Monica.....60.50
37. Los Angeles, First English.....59.81
38. San Francisco, St. Matthew's.....59.46
39. Los Angeles, St. Mark's.....59.38
40. North Hollywood.....58.88
41. San Francisco, St. Mark's.....58.25
42. San Diego, First.....58.18
43. Westwood.....55.65
44. Honolulu.....54.01
45. San Francisco, Temple.....53.85
46. San Bernardino.....53.44
47. San Francisco, 1st English.....53.12
48. Richmond, St. James.....50.71
49. Los Angeles, Bethany.....38.57
50. Fresno, St. Paul's.....32.81
51. Sanger.....27.78
52. Fresno, Wartburg.....20.33

Average for Synod.....65.91%

The Report was adopted.

The Report of the Statistician was presented by The Rev. Henry Scherer:

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

As I return to you the office with which you have entrusted me the past year, I wish to commend all our pastors and people, and to record my thanks to God for the wonderful working of His grace in our midst. So far as figures are record of the workings of God in the hearts of men, the year 1946 is the greatest year in our Synod.

Some of the increases over 1945 are:

Baptized members	2455 or 11.81%
Confirmed members	1986 or 13.83%
Communing members	1785 or 19.86%

(Only two U.L.C.A. Synod gained more than 1785 members in 1945)

Sunday School Scholars	1113
Catechumens	337
Members of Men's Societies	214
Members of Women's Societies	280
Members of Mixed Groups	397
Members of Youth Societies	374
Property Value	$593,588
Indebtedness grew only	140,096
Congregational expenditures	96,348
Apportionment paid	9,356
Unapportioned benevolence	42,583
Total expenditures	148,487

May God give us grateful hearts and bless us in the leading of diligent lives, to our Redeemer's praise.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SCHERER, Statistician

CALIFORNIA SYNOD

GROWTH

Year	Commun. Memb.	Memb. Gain	Percent	Rank in ULCA	Apportmt. Paid	Rank in ULCA
1946	10,775	1785	19.86	19?	48,257	
1945	8,990	1277	16.53	19	38,812	15
1944	7,713	1131	17.03	20	30,709	15
1943	6,582	725	12.38	21	23,408	18
1942	5,857	242	4.32	22	17,500	19
1941	5,615	363	6.93	22	14,389	19
1940	5,252	87	1.68	22	13,562	19
1939	5,165	466	9.91	21	11,489	19
1938	4,699	434	10.17	22	10,237	19
1937	4,265	97	2.33	25	10,332	23
1936	4,168	—33	—.79	25	8,940	23
1935	4,201	214	5.62	25	8,437	23
1934	3,987	179	4.96	25	8,229	22
1933	3,808	18	.47	25	7,456	24
1932	3,790	—159	—4.03	25	8,502	23
1931	3,949	—347	—8.79	25	13,084	21
1930	4,296	42	.99	25	13,690	21

CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Year	Church No.	Rank in ULCA	S. S. Pupils	Property Value	Total Expenditures	Rank in ULCA
1946	52	17?	6480	$2,188,774	$590,050	10?
1945	46	18	5367	1,595,186	441,561	13
1944	41	19	4983	1,334,598	355,087	13
1943	38	21	4407	1,231,039	276,332	16

1942	38	21	4025	1,177,773	235,587	16
1941	38	21	4613	1,175,131	195,575	17
1940	36	21	4515	1,189,627	176,438	17
1939	36	20	4545	1,145,131	167,374	17
1938	36	19	4359	1,531,904	174,431	16
1937	36	22	4168	1,444,452	161,290	19
1936	37	22	4065	1,475,833	281,809	13
1935	36	22	4186	1,622,595	136,334	20
1934	36	22	4327	1,789,250	143,474	18
1933	36	23	4185	1,530,425	134,435	19
1932	36	23	4079	1,608,032	146,154	21
1931	38	24	4013	1,681,505	201,220	19

CALIFORNIA SYNOD

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP

December 31, 1946

1. Glendale 802
2. Hollywood 754
— 3. Phoenix, Grace 573
4. Los Angeles, First English 570
5. Sacramento, St. John's 503
6. San Francisco, St. Mark's 385
7. Pasadena 350
* 8. Richmond, Grace 340
— 9. San Diego, First 320
10. North Hollywood 315
— 11. Huntington Park 314
tie Santa Monica 314
— 13. Long Beach, Trinity 311
+ 14. Alhambra 301
— 15. Oakland, First 283
+ 16. Inglewood 260
+ 17. Los Angeles, Advent 249
18 Sacramento, First English 248
— 19. Beverly Hills 226
— 20. Fresno, First 225
+ 21. Berkeley 202
tie San Bernardino 202
+ 23. Los Angeles, St. Mark's 193
+ 24. San Jose 166
+ 25. Riverside 150
— 26. Fresno, St. Paul's 145
— 27. Los Angeles, Bethany 140
— 28. San Francisco, St. Matthew's 132
+ 29. Tucson 12
— 30. Gardena 11
— 31. Oakland, St. John's 11
+ 32. Altadena 10
+ tie Phoenix, Faith 10
† 34. Honolulu 10
+ tie Santa Barbara 10
— 36. San Mateo 9
— 37. Redlands 9
† 38. Burbank 8
— tie Vallejo 8
40. Long Beach, Faith 7
41. San Francisco, Temple 7
— 42. Westwood 6
— 43. San Francisco, First English 6
— 44. Los Angeles, St. Paul's 6
† tie San Diego's St. Peter's 6
† 46. Whittier 5
— 47. Culver City 5
— 48. Sacramento, St. Paul's 4
— 49. Fresno, Wartburg 3
† 50. Richmond, St. James 3
— tie Sanger 3
† 52. Lihue 2

Total 10,77

Net Increase: 1,785

KEY TO SYMBOLS
+ Gain in comparative standing.
— Loss in comparative standing.

‡ Loss in actual membership.
* Not in last year's first ten.
† New Congregation.

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP GAINS (45)

+ 1. Glendale ..... 144 XX
+ 2. Los Angeles, 1st English ..... 111 XX
— 3. Hollywood ..... 106 X
†* 4. Honolulu 101
* + 5. Richmond, Grace ..... 90 XX
* + 6. Los Angeles, Advent ..... 86 XXX
†+ 7. Burbank 85
*+ 8. Riverside ..... 70 XX
— 9. Sacramento, St. John's ..... 63 X
† * tie San Diego, St. Peter's 63
† 11. Whittier 58
— 12. Alhambra ..... 57 XX
+ 13. Inglewood ..... 45 XX
— 14. Tucson ..... 50 XX
+ 15. Long Beach, Trinity ..... 40 X
+ tie San Francisco, St. Mark's 40 X
+ tie San Jose ..... 40 XX
— 18. Santa Monica ..... 39 X
+ 19. Sacramento, First English 37 X
+ 20. Santa Barbara ..... 36 XX
† 21. Richmond, St. James 35
— 22. Phoenix, Faith ..... 33 XX

—	23. Los Angeles, St. Mark's	32	X
—	24. Altadena	31	XX
—	tie San Bernardino	31	X
—	26. North Hollywood	29	X
†	27. Lihue	28	
+	28. Berkeley	27	X
—	29. Pasadena	26	
—	30. Sacramento, St. Paul's	26	D
+	31. San Francisco, Temple	24	XXX
+	32. Los Angeles, St. Paul's	23	XXX
—	33. Long Beach, Faith	22	XX
—	34. Oakland, First	20	
—	35. Gardena	19	X
—	36. Culver City	14	XX
—	37. Huntington Park	13	
—	38. San Diego, First	10	
—	39. Oakland, St. John's	9	
—	40. Beverly Hills	7	
—	tie Fresno, St. Paul's	7	
—	42. San Francisco, St. Matthews	6	
—	43. Sanger	5	
—	44. San Francisco, 1st Engl'sh	4	
—	45. San Mateo	2	
	Gains	1853	

NO GAIN (3)

Fresno, First; Fresno, Wartburg; Redlands.

LOSSES (4)

1.	Los Angeles, Bethany	35
2.	Phoenix, Grace	27
3.	Westwood	5
4.	Vallejo	1
	Losses	68

NET GAIN 1785

KEY TO SYMBOLS

X 10% gain
XX 20% gain
XXX 50% gain
D 100% gain
* Not in last year's first ten
† New Congregation

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Year ending December 31, 1946

	1. Los Angeles, First English	$ 47,716
	2. Glendale	43,536
	3. Hollywood	37,991
	4. San Francisco, St. Mark's	33,080
	5. Phoenix, Grace	22,020
	6. San Diego, First	18,685
	7. Sacramento, St. John's	18,580
*	8. Long Beach, Trinity	18,574
*	9. Richmond, Grace	18,105
*	10. Oakland, First	17,639
	11. Los Angeles, Advent	17,633
	12. Santa Monica	17,024
	13. Pasadena	16,950
	14. San Francisco, First English	13,800
	15. Sacramento, First English	13,274
	16. North Hollywood	12,826
	17. Huntington Park	12,481
	18. Riverside	11,784
	19. Fresno, First	11,584
	20. Beverly Hills	10,993
	21. San Francisco, St. Matthew's	10,854
	22. Santa Barbara	10,478
	23. Berkeley	10,172
	24. Los Angeles, St. Mark's	9,868
	25. Alhambra	9,557
	26. Inglewood	9,238
	27. San Bernardino	9,002
	28. Fresno, St. Paul's	8,100
	29. Phoenix, Faith	8,063
	30. Los Angeles, Bethany	8,034
	31. San Jose	7,597
†	32. Honolulu	6,543
	33. Gardena	6,470
	34. San Mateo	6,263
	35. Altadena	5,769
	36. San Francisco, Temple	5,150
	37. Oakland, St. John's	4,874
	38. Westwood	4,816
	39. Tucson	4,298
	40. Redlands	4,151
	41. Vallejo	3,931
	42. Long Beach, Faith	3,713
	43. Sacramento, St. Paul's	2,938
	44. Sanger	2,919
	45. Fresno, Wartburg	2,900
	46. Los Angeles, St. Paul's	2,547
†	47. San Diego, St. Peter's	2,199
	48. Culver City	1,992
†	49. Whittier	1,274
†	50. Burbank	1,004
†	51. Lihue	737
†	52. Richmond, St. James	324
	Total	$590,050

KEY TO SYMBOLS

* Not in last year's first ten
† New Congregation
* Not in last year's first ten

The motion prevailed that the Report of the Historian be presented at a later time.

The Archivist presented the following report:

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT

Early in the year of 1946, the archives of both the California Synod and the Women's Missionary Society were moved into the office of the president of Synod.

To those of our pastors and women who wish to consult the contents of the archives, the keys are in the office under the supervision of Dr. Beasom's secretary.

Materials which have come to us for filing are placed in their proper places. We are short of the constitution of our churches, especially those newly organized. We are still of the mind these records should repose in a fireproof cabinet.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, Archivist.

The Report was adopted.

The Necrologist presented the following report:

REPORT OF NECROLOGIST

Submissively we bow to the Will of our Father in Heaven, Who, in His mercy, has taken from our midst in the Church on Earth to the Church in Heaven, the following:

Mrs. Johanna Beasom

Mrs. Johanna Beasom, mother of our synodical president, with whom she had made her home for some years, was welcomed into the Church Triumphant on July 21, while her son was enroute to Hawaii, there officially to welcome two congregations into our Synod and the United Lutheran Church. Born, 1864, in Sweden. Mrs. Beasom came with her parents to America (Minnesota) when sixteen years of age. Typical of her long life of active service in the Church of her beloved Lord, in several congregations, together with her late husband, James P. Beasom, Sr., she took the initiative in organizing the first Lutheran Church in Livingstone, Montana, leading a small band of women in making a religious census of the city. Besides President Beasom, she is survived by a son Clyde, of Los Angeles, and a daughter, Lola Gregorious of Grant's Pass, Oregon. Obsequies were conducted in First Church, Glendale, by the Reverends Carl V. Tambert and Herbert J. Weaver, D.D., both of whom had been her pastors.

Mrs. Earnest A. Trabert

Mrs. Bertha Elizabeth Trabert, wife of the Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D., Pastor Emeritus of St. Michael's Church of Berkeley, California, was called to her heavenly home on November 19, after a long illness. She was born in Pittsburgh on February 9, 1876, to William H. Weaver and his wife, Elizabeth Sloan. Orphaned at an early age, she became a Junior Helper in the Orphan's Home and Farm School, Zelienople, Pa., and upon her graduation from high school became a teacher in the primary grades of that institution. Later, after graduation from the Pennsylvania State Normal School, she became a teacher in the public schools of Homestead, Pa. On June 4, 1902, she was united in marriage to the Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, then pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Uniontown, Pa. Reared in the Church and possessed of high intellectual and spiritual qualities, she was a devoted assistant to her husband, and an inspiration to the women of the church. Rightly to appraise her ability, character, zeal and love for her Lord, one has but to read the minutes of the California Synod Women's Missionary Society for the past quarter century, in which organization she was a leader, serving several terms as secretary and four terms as president; then as Advisor. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, William, of San Mateo, California. Funeral services were held in St. Michael's Church, Berkeley, with Pastors A. C. Knudten, Ph.D., H. Paul Romeis,

president of the Northern Conference, and Herman Lucas, officiating. Interment was made in the Chapel of the Chimes, Oakland, California.

Jon Frederic Lorimer

Jon Frederic Lorimer passed away in the University of California Hospital, San Francisco, on September 21, 1946. Funeral services were conducted at Grace Church, San Jose, September 25, by Dr. W. E. Crouser, assisted by the Rev. Paul Romeis and Chaplain Lawrence Vosseler. He was laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Jon Frederic was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Harold J. Lorimer of San Jose, on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939, in Greeley, Colorado. Though afflicted from birth with a serious heart defect, Freddie responded to special care and his progress was very nearly normal. A rare type of surgery climaxed a series of attempts in the last months to aid his condition. There was nothing more that human hands could do, so the Lord called him home. He leaves behind him, besides his parents, two brothers, Harold Jr., and James Michael, and a sister, Christine Anne.

A fitting memorial service will be held in connection with this convention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. ANSPACH

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Donald W. Endter presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

At the last convention a questionnaire was submitted to the delegates asking three questions. The following is the compilation of answers:

1. Have you needed some literature, forms or guide books that the publication house did not have? Name them.

Answers:

a. A good 20-page booklet on the Lutheran Church to give to non-Lutherans or weak Lutheran prospects.

b. An adult baptismal booklet and certificate containing the order of service.

c. A handbook from the Board of American Missions on its methods of procedure in organizing new missions, financing new buildings for new missions, and all the requirements of the Board in each aspect of its work, so that mission pastors may know in a few hours study what the methods of the Board are and what will be required of the mission pastor and the mission congregation. (A great number suggested this.)

d. A card index and Sunday School cards with complete information for the children of the church and Sunday School.

2. Are you interested in writing for publication, or do you know someone who has writing ability? Give the names.

Answers:

a. Rev. George Thompson, Altadena, California.

b. Rev. Titus Scholl, Tucson, Arizona (was a reporter for **The Lutheran** back east).

c. Rev. E. Dale Click, San Mateo, California.

d. Rev. Henry Scherer, Los Angeles, California.

e. One person stated that the publication house offers people not already writing little incentive for writing and would have to change its policies before it would get many volunteers.

3. How may the publication house improve its merchandising plans, services and operations to the Church at large and to the Synod of California in particular?

Answers:

a. A great majority of the delegates expressed a desire for a west coast branch of the publication house and verbally came the promises to support such a venture.

b. Improve the bookkeeping system by sending duplicate invoices.

c. Work through local YMCA's film bureaus in the Visual Aid Department.

d. Send announcements of Lenten and Christmas materials much earlier. Send Sunday School papers on time for Sunday to the west coast. Send periodicals earlier. **The Lutheran** comes very late at times on the west coast.

e. Send the pastors the list of tracts of the Church periodically.

f. Send list of books deemed necessary to church library monthly.

g. Provide free copies of **The Lutheran** for all synod conventions to advertise **The Lutheran** to the leaders of the Church.

h. Attempt to have a publication house display at each synodical convention.

i. Combine a Lutheran book store with the Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California and possibly with the offices of the presidents of the Lutheran bodies on the west coast all in the same building.

This compilation with comments was sent last spring to Mr. E. O. Armbruster of the ULPH for which he later thanked us. Already we note that the publication house will soon establish a branch store in the Wilshire district of Los Angeles, and a letter has been sent to the ULPH commending them for this step forward.

If you have any suggestions for further literature, forms, guide books, etc., or if you can suggest any other names of people who have writing ability, or if you can suggest any other ways the ULPH may improve its merchandising service and operations to the Church at large and to the California Synod in particular, please write them down and give them to one of the members of the committee on publications before the convention adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,

DON. W. ENDTER, Chairman

ROBERT J. MARSHALL

GEORGE N. THOMPSON

The Report was adopted.

The Motion prevailed that some of the reports for the afternoon be considered at this session.

The Rev. Orval Awerkamp presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL SECRETARY

If ever there was a time when society needed education and the influence of the Gospel teaching, certainly it is now. The war in many respects has been won, but its fruits are to be attained only as we have incorporated within our system of thinking the principles of Christianity. It is to this end that the Parish and Church School Board lends its energy.

The outstanding project of the Parish and Church School Board, within our immediate Synod, was that of the Sunday School Conferences, conducted under the able leadership of Dr. E. S. Spees, associate secretary of the Board. There was a marked increase in interest and enthusiasm for the work of the Sunday School. This enthusiasm was in evidence in a number of ways, but chiefly in the attendance at the meetings. While there were some special meetings called besides the regularly scheduled events, the total attendance for the Synod was one thousand, one hundred and seventy-five. Forty congregations were in attendance, with forty pastors showing their interest by their attendance. There were eleven regular conferences held within the Synod.

Your secretary sent questionnaire cards to all churches of the Synod and received thirty-one replies. The cards revealed that ten churches of the Synod sponsored a Children of the Church program; twenty-one did not. With regard to the Release Time program, sixteen participated while thirteen had no part in the program. The method of conducting the Release Time varies from city to city which maks a report of the numbers served and individual churches participating more or less impossible; however, in every case where evaluation was given, the report was favorable for the Release Time work ranging from "fair" to "excellent."

The Parish and Church School Board is thoroughly prepared to offer aid for your general as well as special problems which might arise. There is no end to printed materials to encourage the work and throw light on how to meet the needs of our times. The Parish and Church School Magazine is constantly on the watch for new approaches to Sunday School and general educational work. We therefore urge you to make use of its offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVAL AWERKAMP

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. F. W. Heinecken presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

A glance at the statistical report of the Women's Organizations of Synod shows that a gratifying forward movement both materially and spiritually is everywhere in evidence. Not only has there been a substantial growth in membership, but the financial contributions have exceeded all previous records. Not only have these organizations supported Missionary endeavors both at home and abroad, but they have also made substantial contributions to Lutheran World Action, and are now vigorously going to work in helping to bring into reality the long hoped for Synodical Home for the Aged.

In addition, throughout Synod, there is a host of faithful women laboring in the vineyard, serving as Sunday School teachers and officers, as Luther League advisers and members of choirs, as well as in other worthwhile capacities, ever doing the work of the Master.

Your committee graciously recognizes that the benevolent spirit of these women gives evidence of a consecrated spiritual life and interest in the welfare of others. They are to be commended for their unfailing love and loyalty to the Lord's Kingdom.

The Lord loves and blesses a cheerful giver and therefore also a benevolent Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. HEINECKEN, Chairman

Th Report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that Synod express its thanks to the Synodical Women's Missionary Society for the splendid support given the work of the Church during the past year.

The Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE LUTHER LEAGUE ADVISOR

The past year has been a fruitful one for the young people of the Southern Conference Luther League, who seem to have an increasingly strong sense of unity, in spite of being comparatively widely scattered. Several things, toward which we have been working for some time, have contributed to this:

1. A smoothly working district organization, with able and consecrated leadership among the young people themselves; they have been assuming more and more responsibility for the direction of their own program.

2. In addition to the regular rallies and conventions, special rallies for boys and girls of confirmation age, resulting in the organization of a number of new Junior and Intermediate Luther Leagues.

3. Among the older groups, a splendid inter-change of fellowship, resulting in a greater loyalty to their church and a deeper sense of its unity and strength.

4. The return of most of our servicemen and women to Luther League activity, an adjustment presenting quite a study in itself and one which merits the wholehearted attention and guidance of the local Pastor.

Things haven't yet returned to normal for either our teen-agers or for the young adult Luther Leaguers trying to settle down in the post-war world. There is an increasing need for a larger part of the church's program to be slanted toward youth.

No congregation in the Synod should be without a definite Luther League program, because: (1) The Luther League is the official young people's program and organization of the United Lutheran Church in America, and its inclusion in the life of every congregation is a part of the Promotional Plan of the U. L. C. A. (2) The Luther League program is ably designed to meet the needs of the young people in our congregations. All it requires in order to be made effective is young people who love their Lord and leaders and pastors who love their young people. (3) The Luther League is a proven, powerful agency in the development of loyalties to Christ and to the Church. (4) The Church owes its young people the best in programs and materials for their interest and growth. We have nothing better than what is offered through the Luther League.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. KERSTETTER.

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Harold J. Lorimer presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE ADVISOR OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE FOR NORTHERN CONFERENCE

It has been an active year for the Luther League of the Northern Conference. Under the capable leadership of their officers, and under a growing sense of responsibility, the young people have made notable progress. Added stimulus was given by the return of our young men.

First English Lutheran Church, Sacramento, was host to the Spring Rally. The Annual Fall Convention was held at historic St. Mark's Church, San Francisco. These proved to be highly successful events, providing much inspiration for the large numbers of youth in attendance, and stirring them to high resolve in matters of Christian faith and activity.

Highlighting the year's program was the State Convention of Luther Leagues at St. Paul's Church, Fresno, August 31 to September 2. In this venture the executive committee of the Northern Conference League had the confidence and earnest support of the Southren District League and the Fresno pastors. Their participation and encouragement, with that also of the President of Synod and President of the Luther League of America, were greatly appreciated. It is our hope that this experience may have servd as a useful proving ground for the much anticipated development of a Synod-wide youth program.

Many other rallies have taken place during the year with an inter-change of fellowship among young people in closely related churches. Preparations for the establishment of several new Leagues within our Conference is noted with much satisfaction, together with an acceleration of interest within many others.

It appears that we are on the threshhold of a new and greater era of expansion in our Luther League work. We must have the faith and courage to act decisively in the power of Christ. The world of tomorrow might well demand our very intensest Christian preparation today. More than ever, then, our youth will need what only a strong, well-guided, Christian youth fellowship can give them.

O Lord, make us aware——make us adequate!

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. LORIMER, Northern Conference Advisor

The Report was adopted.

A shower for the Home for the Aged was held with the following gifts received:

Church	Amount
Grace, San Jose	$ 50.00
Honolulu	450.00
First, Oakland	200.00
Loyola Village	25.00
Whittier	18.05
Riverside, Trinity	100.00
First English, L. A.	500.00
Faith, Phoenix	100.00
Bethany, L. A.	156.50
Vallejo	100.00
Burbank	100.00
Temple, San Francisco	50.00
St. John's, Sacramento	250.00
Inglewood	50.00
Pastor Harter	100.00
Advent, L. A.	68.45
Culver City	25.00
Pasadena	150.00
St. Paul's, Sacramento	25.00
Glendale	1000.00
Beverly Hills	100.00
St. John's, Oakland	50.00
Redlands	100.00
Altadena	100.00
Our Saviour, Tucson	100.00
Grace, Richmond	250.00
Trinity, Long Beach	100.00
Hollywood	1363.00
Westwood Village	20.00
San Mateo	100.00
Berkeley	100.00
Samaritan Society	100.00
First, Sacramento	100.00
Total	$5801.00

THIRD SESSION

January 28, 1947—2:00 P.M.

The session was opened with devotions by the Chaplain on the theme, "The Responsibility of the One for Bringing the Nine."

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was accepted.

Dr. Armin G. Weng addressed the Convention on the State of the United Lutheran Church in America, stressing especially the large opportunities facing the church in many fields of endeavor and pointing out the sad lack of funds in the face of these opportunities.

The Rev. Ross F. Hidy spoke on the great need for the extension of the Lutheran Church in California. He pointed out that housing areas in the state have a larger population than at any time before and that at least 400 more Protestant churches should be organized in this state within the next six months. The Lutheran Church must have a part in this program of expansion.

The following report was presented by The Rev. A. B. Schwertz:

ANNUAL REPORT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE AND WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FOR THE YEAR 1946-1947

GENERAL STATEMENT:

When unusual opportunities present themselves to us we are happy. At the same time we are humbled also by the realization that commensurate responsi-

bilities attend such opportunities. God has graciously granted us the thrilling opportunity to serve many more of our young people at Midland College than ever before. For this we are deeply grateful. May the Lord in His infinite goodness grant us the grace, wisdom and strength to serve these fine young men and women in a manner such as only Midland as a Christian college of the Church can.

OFFICERS:

Officers of the Corporation for 1946-47: President, Mr. Henry A. Gunderson, Fremont, Nebraska; Vice President, the Rev. A. J. Beil, D.D., Lawrence, Kansas; Secretary, the Rev. A. W. Young, Omaha, Nebraska; Treasurer, Miss Leah L. Williams, Fremont, Nebraska.

Officers of the College: President, Dr. W. P. Hieronymus; Dean, Prof. Gimmestad, Treasurer, Miss Leah L. Williams (resigned Jan. 1 and replaced by Clinton Muller); and Business Manager, Mr. F. E. Wood.

ENROLLMENT:

The sixtieth academic year began most auspiciously with a bulging enrollment which was more than 100% larger than the enrollment in September, 1945. Our field secretary estimates that from 60 to 70 more students will register for the second semester. The students come from 15 states in the Union and from one foreign country; namely, British Guiana. Fifteen are from California (not including Seminarians). There are 175 veterans. At least 32 young men are preparing themselves for the holy ministry. Five young women have full-time church work in mind (parish workers, church secretaries, missionaries, etc.) Of all the U.L.C. colleges, Midland has the second highest percentage of Lutheran students this year; namely, 56%. Only Carthage College has more students of the Lutheran faith with a percentage of 62. The average in the U.L.C. is 40%.

ENROLLMENT FOR PAST FOUR YEARS:

	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47
Regular Term	175	163	297	465
Summer Session	206	255	288	318
Total	381	418	585	783

FINANCES:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1946.

INCOME:		
Educational and General		
Tuition and Fees	$ 57,883.32	
Endowment Investments	5,925.82	
Gifts and Grants	56,992.47	
Sales and Services	785.18	
Other Sources	1,671.00	
Auxiliary Enterprises	55,788.22	
Total Income From All Sources		$179,046.01
EXPENSES:		
Educational and General	$126,665.96	
Auxiliary Enterprises	45,703.58	
Other Non-educational	3,380.48	
		$175,750.02
Net Operating Profit for Fiscal Year ending August 31, 1946		$ 3,295.99

FORWARD MIDLAND CAMPAIGN:

It will be a great day when we can say that the Forward Midland Campaign is past history and that our pastors and people responded so loyally that

the campaign went over the top. But unfortunately after more than two and one-half years, we still have not yet reached our goal.

The quota accepted by the California Synod is $25,000, of which $17,728 has so far been paid in. Seven congregations—First, Glendale; First, Los Angeles; Trinity, Pasadena; First, San Diego; St. Paul's, Santa Monica; First, Oakland; Grace, Richmond—have so far reached or exceeded their quotas. Others are near their goals. With a concerted, consecrated effort we can all go over the top. We **can** do it. We **must** do it. Let us, with the other supporting synods, give Midland a debt-free men's dormitory.

WESTERN SEMINARY:

This institution opened its current academic year on September 2, 1946, with 18 students enrolled. In addition to these enrolled for residence work, there are three students on leave of absence for a year for the purpose of gaining practical experience in the field. These students come from ten states of the Union and one foreign country: Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and Mexico. Nine synods are represented in the student body: California, Iowa, Kansas, Midwest, Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Pacific, Rocky Mountain and Texas.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That we resolve with one another and before God to raise at least our quota of $25,000 in the Forward Midland Campaign and that we strive to do this before the passing of 1947.
2. That Midland College and Western Seminary be voted a substantial increase from the regular apportionment fund.
3. That Western Seminary become a separate institution independent of the College as soon as convenient to both institutions.
4. That Dr. W. P. Hieronymus, the president of Midland College, be recommended for his untiring efforts in strengthening the scholastic standing of Midland, i.e., looking forward to membership in the North Central Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Trustees,
JAMES P. BEASOM
ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ.

The Rev. Charles Puls, D.D., spoke briefly on the urgent need for helping our church educational institutions, and asked that Midland College receive the whole-hearted support of the California Synod.

The motion prevailed that the recommendations in the report be considered seriatim:

Item 1 was adopted.
Item 2 was referred to the Executive Committee for consideration.
Item 3 was adopted.
Item 4 was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The motion was made and seconded that a committee be appointed to study the possibility of establishing a seminary or a college on the West coast either alone, or in cooperation with the National Lutheran Council bodies.

The motion prevailed that this be referred to the Resolutions Committee.

The Rev. A. C. Knudten presented the following report:

THE REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

At the Cleveland Convention of the ULCA it was announced that the objective of the Epiphany Appeal would be "The Relief and The Rehabilitation of the Lutheran Church in Japan." This provided an adequate and a very wor-

thy goal toward which the entire Church in America could focus its attention.

The Board of Foreign Missions has provided the pastors of Synod with literature in preparation for this Appeal in January, 1947, and a letter sent to each pastor of Synod by your Committee was intended not only to re-inforce this opportunity, but to offer assistance to each of our churches for its active participation in this claim of the World Church.

By arrangement with the Board of Foreign Missions, a film was secured by your Committee with the privilege of free use in presenting the drastic needs of the Church in Japan—a church in dire need due to the devastation of war, yet anxious to bear witness to its Lutheran faith.

Your Committee chose not to arrange an itinerary, but sought to lay this matter before you so that each pastor and his congregation might choose for themselves the privilege of active participation in the overseas program of Synod and of the Church at large. This should not be a matter of compulsion, but rather of joyful cooperation for "the field is the world." It is too early to report on the statistics of this cooperation in Synod for this presentation will reach into February.

In line with the thinking of the Cleveland Convention, we would call attention to the need of our churches toward a new orientation in thinking of this work of our Lord as our "overseas" Church, rather than as a "foreign" Church, and would recommend that an appropriate action be taken at Synod in order to lead the thinking of our people in that direction.

We now have a missionary in Argentina, the Rev. Robert Alsop; and a missionary on assignment to Japan, the Rev. Arthur C. Knudten, Ph.D."

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. KNUDTEN
E. A. TRABERT
E. N. SPIRER

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. H. Paul Romeis gave a brief report on Lutheran World Action, pointing out that the Synod had met its two-year goal in full, but that in spite of this, Lutheran World Action is still the number one issue before us, and that we dare not fail to go the second mile. Pastor Claus reported on his activities in ministering to German war prisoners, and stressed the great need for further help as revealed by letters received from repatriated prisoners of war.

The motion prevailed that these reports be included in the official minutes of the convention.

At 4:30 P.M., in a special joint session with the Synodical Women's Missionary Society, all pastors of Synod who had not previously been thus honored, were made Life Members of the Women's Missionary Society.

At 7:00 P.M. a banquet was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl. Mr. Scheehl retired after thirteen years of faithful service as the Treasurer of Synod, and Mrs. Scheehl retired after eight years as Treasurer of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society. The Rev. Charles Puls, D.D., Pastor of Luther Memorial Church, Madison, Wisconsin, gave an inspiring address on "Waiting for the Son to Rise."

FOURTH SESSION

Hollywood, California, January 29, 1947

The Fourth Session was opened at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday morning with devotions by the Chaplain on the theme "A Glorious Hypocrisy," based on Luke 5:1-11.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The Minutes of the First, Second and Third Sessions were approved.

The following report was presented by the Rev. Frederick A. Smith:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Recommendations for the merger of the Home Mission and the Executive Committees which were referred to this Committee at the 54th Annual Convention in Pasadena, (Minutes 1945, page 37) were again referred back to us at the 55th Convention in Oakland, (Minutes, 1946, pages 45 and 47).

We recommend the following Amendments to the Constitution:

Page 7, Article 6, Section 1, Paragraph 1.

Strike out the words, 'one layman' and add 'one clergyman and two laymen'

Page 8, Strike out the words, 'Section 2—The Synodical Home Mission Committee' and all of Paragraphs 1 and 2.

Number Paragraph 3, Paragraph 6.

Strike from Paragraph 4 the words, 'The Synodical Home Mission' and add the word, 'this'.

Make Paragraph 4, number 7; Paragraph 5, number 8; Paragraph 6, number 9; Paragraph 7, number 10.

Then Section 3 becomes Section 2; Section 4 becomes Section 3; Section 5 becomes 4; and Section 6 becomes Section 5.

On page 46 of the Minutes of 1946 it is noted that a motion prevailed making the officers of Synod the Trustees of Synod. Article 3 of the Constitution designates who the officers shall be, and By-law 4 designates who the Trustees shall be. This motion cannot be considered an Amendment to the By-laws and is therefore unconstitutional and void. We ask that Synod so declare it.

On page 33 of the Minutes of 1945, provision is made for the appointment of a Historian, by adding 'Section 7 to Article 8.' This is clearly an error. Article 8 deals with the Duties of Members and has but one Section and contains 9 Paragraphs. Your Committee recommends that a Paragraph 7 be added to By-law 4 to read:

> "There shall be an Historian appointed by the Executive Committee whose duties it shall be to collect and preserve such data as may be of historic worth. He shall have access to the records of Synod. He shall serve until replaced by the Executive Committee."

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CROUSER

FREDERICK A. SMITH

The Report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the following amendment to the Constitution be added to the report: "It is recommended that By-law II (regarding Meetings of Synod) of the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California be amended to include:

> Paragraph 8—Congregations of this Synod which are located in the Hawaiian Islands shall be allowed $100.00 per congregation each year for travelling expenses to Synod conventions."

The motion prevailed that the Officers of Synod be the Trustees of Synod for the year 1947.

The Rev. Aner Blum, Vice-President of the California District of the Augustana Synod was welcomed to the Convention and brought greetings from the above body.

The Rev. Frederick A. Smith presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

There have been many important events in the Social Mission field during the past year:

The Rev. Oscar W. Carlson of the Board of Social Missions of the U.L.C.A. visited the territory of our Synod and brought much inspiration to our pastors and laymen in the various district meetings.

Your committee made several direct contacts with all members of Synod, as well as working in cooperation with Pastor Kulman in preparing for the special drive for the recovery of lapsed members. No specific reports have been submitted concerning the success of this activity, but more than one pastor has expressed appreciation for the developments in his parish as a result of the drive.

Although there is a special Board of Synod to control our newest acquisition, The Home for the Aged, this activity is definitely in the field of Social Missions. Your committee, in conjunction with the Lutheran Welfare Council, has assisted in the preparation of Constitution and By-Laws, in preparing the application for corporation papers, and in preparing the application to the State Department of Social Welfare for a license for the Home to operate. This committee commends the officers of Synod and the Board of the Home for the Aged for their broad vision and judicious selection of a most usable property, and recommend that there be set aside, as a special order of business during this meeting of Synod, a ten-minute period in which special prayers shall be offered for divine blessing and guidance in this new enterprise.

Your committee has been in contact with the Social Missions Committee of the U. L. C. A. and filed an application for an allowance of $1200 to assist in the operating costs during this first year of operation. There has been an encouraging reply to this application, and at the time of this report we have been informed that tentative approval to the grant has been given by the Board, subject to their receipt of certain papers and reports from our committee.

Lutheran Welfare Conference meetings were held both in the San Francisco area and in Los Angeles last fall at which time both Dr. Krumbholz of the National Lutheran Council and the Rev. F. A. Shearer of the U. L. C. A. Board of Social Missions were present. These conferences were on a National Lutheran Council basis, but a large percentage of our men participated.

Arrangments have just been completed for a School of Social Missions to be held on the territory of our Synod April 21 to 24. The conference hall and living quarters at Pacific Palisades have been reserved. Details of program and costs are now being worked out.

This much can be reported at this time: The Board of Social Missions, ULCA, will pay all travel costs over $10 and all over the first $2.50 for room and board, which means that the maximum cost to any member of Synod will be $12.50 for the full time of the conference. Dr. C. Franklin Koch will be at the School and will bring one or more men with him who are recognized by the ULCA as authorities in the field of Social Missions. In one letter Dr. Koch says, "The ultimate purpose of the school is to acquaint the pastors with the program of social missions and to give them a vision of its possibilities in their own parish. The emphasis is placed on inspiration and practical application rather than ideology."

It is the recommendation of this committee that Synod approve the plan for this School of Social Missions and urge all clerical members to attend for the full period.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. SMITH, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee for the year 1946 herewith reports its activities since the last Convention of Synod. One special and four regular meetings were held. The following is a resume of the important actions taken:

The Treasurer of Synod was allowed a bonus of $100 and the statistician a bonus of $50 for the previous year's work.

Fifteen hundred copies of the 1946 Minutes of Synod were ordered printed and distributed. Synod also provided for the printing of the Minutes of the Synodical Missionary Society.

The offer of First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, to make space available for an office for the President of Synod was accepted with thanks, and the office was furnished.

A property was purchased last spring in La Crescenta for $10,000 for the purpose of establishing a Home for the Aged. This property was sold again in the fall for $10,000.

The Dominick Jebbia estate in Alhambra, California, was purchased in August for $75,000 for the purpose of establishing a Home for the Aged. The officers of Synod were authorized to borrow not more than $50,000 to finance the purchase.

A Mission Pastor's Retreat was held in the San Bernardino Mountains on August 26-29. Traveling expenses of Mission Pastors, totaling $132 were paid by Synod. The Retreat was a splendid success, with special thanks due to Dr. Arthur M. Knudsen of the Board of American Missions, the Rev. Dwight Shelhart of the Northwest Synod, and the Rev. Edward N. Spirer and the men of St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Hollywood.

Fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) was transferred from the General Treasury to the Home Missions Fund of Synod to be used in Home Mission work.

The Constitution for the Home for the Aged was approved.

Loans from the Board of American Missions were approved as listed in the Report of the Home Missions Committee.

The President was authorized to visit the Seminaries during the summer to enlist men for our new missions. He also met with representatives of the Board of American Missions.

The purchase of the Monticello School was referred to the president of the Southern Conference for consideration by that body.

The invitation of Hollywood Lutheran Church to hold the 1947 Convention in Hollywood was accepted with thanks.

Fifteen hundred dollars $1500) was borrowed from the President's Office Account and transferred to the Home Missions Fund for use in making short-term loans.

The President of Synod was directed to visit the Honolulu field in the Hawaiian Islands; as a result of this visit the Lutheran Church of Honolulu and the Lihue Lutheran Church have asked for admission into the California Synod.

A special committee was appointed to study the advisability of a change in the publication of The Golden State Lutheran. The Committee will present its recommendations at this Convention.

A committee was appointed to cooperate with a similar committee from the Southern California Council of Churches to prepare a brief and present it to the California Railroad Commission, protesting against the high rates on church telephones.

Your committee guaranteed the payment of the unpaid balance of the Synod's $25,000 pledge to the Building Campaign of Midland College, and agreed that interest would be paid on the amount still outstanding after the end of this year.

Salary aid grants by the Board of American Missions to mission congregations of Synod were approved as listed in the Report of the Home Missions Committee.

Action was taken to have the treasurer of Synod bonded for $15,000 and the president for $5,000.

The committee approved the action of the Synodical treasurer in cashing the U. S. Bonds held in the Home for the Aged Fund.

Aid grants to students now studying for full time Christian service were approved as recorded in the Report of the Committee on Student Aid.

With deepest regrets the committee accepted the resignation of Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl as Treasurer of Synod; said action to become effective upon the appointment or election of a successor; and recommended that a dinner honoring Mr. and Mrs. Scheehl be arranged for the Convention of Synod.

Through the recommendation of your committee, Thanksgiving day was observed throughout the congregations of Synod as a day of special gifts to Lutheran World Action in thankfulness to God for His goodness.

The Presidents of Conferences were ordered to urge upon their pastors the necessity of enrolling all pastors and congregations in the U. L. C. A. Contributory Pension Plan by November, 1947.

Your committee arranged for a shower of gifts of $100 to $1,000 from congregations to the Home for the Aged Fund, to be given at this Convention of Synod.

A committee was appointed to examine and correlate the receipts and disbursements of Synod and present a budget for 1947 to this Convention.

Your committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That Synod take steps to set up a permanent Pastors' Camp to be held each year.

2. That Synod express by a rising vote their thanks to the Synodical Missionary Society for its splendid support of our work during the past three years; and that a representative of this group be commissioned to express verbally our appreciation to the women at their next session.

3. That Synod take steps to prepare materials and launch a drive for funds to wipe out the $40,000 indebtedness of our Home for the Aged during 1947 .

4. That Synod, subject to approval of the Constitution Committee, with a rising vote, receive the following congregations into membership:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Honolulu, T. H.
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lihue, T. H.
Luther Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church, Burbank, California
Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Whittier, California
St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, California
St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Ev. Lutheran Church, San Diego, Calif.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

The motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted.

The motion prevailed that the recommendations in the report be considered seriatim.

Item 1 was adopted.
Item 2 was ordered stricken from the report.
Items 3 to 5 were adopted seriatim.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

The following report was presented by the Rev. Paul H. Wolpert and its adoption was moved and seconded.

The motion prevailed that the items be considered seriatim.

SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Your Committee recommends that Synod give careful study to the "Suggestions for Board Missionaries and Mission Pastors serving on the territory of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California" for possible action.

2. That in the interest of good order an auxiliary organization of Synod be not permitted to hold a Communion Service at its Convention except when a host congregation invites the delegates to participate in a Communion Service of its own.

3. That Synod give $1500 from the surplus funds in the synodical treasury to be used in purchasing a new car for the President of Synod.

4. That the rate of $5 per year per communicant member be established for the year 1947, becoming effective with January 1, 1947, and that the statis-

tician be requested to compile a new apportionment table at once based on the rate and communicant memberships as reported January 1, 1947.

5. In harmony with the report of the auditing committee we recommend that supporting documents or vouchers covering all expenditures from all funds be turned in to the Treasurer before payment.

6. That the indeterminate amount of the interest on our indebtedness to the Midland College "Forward Midland" Drive be secured from unexpended monies in other funds including balances remaining from the fiscal year 1946.

7. That the Committee on Ministerial Education be instructed to interview annually each beneficiary of the Ministerial Education Fund with a view to determining more accurately the needs of the beneficiaries.

8. That the budget following be considered as fixed items and that surpluses be allocated by a special committee according to need.

9. That the following be adopted as the official budget of Synod for 1947:

U. L. C. A. Apportionment	$22,751.00
Midland College	4,500.00
Western Seminary	1,800.00
Salary of the President	5,000.00
President's Expenses	2,700.00
Secretary to the President	1,500.00
Office Utilities	300.00
Pension of President	200.00
Salary, Secretary of Synod	100.00
Salary, Treasurer of Synod	200.00
Salary, Statistician of Synod	50.00
Expenses, Ex. & Home Miss. Committees	1,000.00
Expenses, Other Committees	100.00
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	200.00
Golden State Lutheran	800.00
Expenses, Synodical Convention	1,200.00
Other Convention Expenses	125.00
Printing of Minutes	600.00
Yosemite National Park	75.00
Sequoia National Park	50.00
Ministerial Education	1,500.00
California Lutheran Camp	150.00
U. L. C. A. Delegates	400.00
Home for the Aged	3,500.00
California Home Missions Fund	2,400.00
Culver City Reserve Fund	600.00
Total	$51,801.00

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

Item 1 was ordered deferred until the Report of the Home Missions Committee was presented.

The Item on the Constitutional amendment was eliminated from the report.

Items 2 to 7 were adopted seriatim.

Item 8: Action was deferred until the afternoon session.

The Rev. Konrad Koosmann, President of the California District of the American Lutheran Church was presented to the Convention and brought greetings from the above body.

The Rev. Henry Irving Kohler presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The year has been one of unprecedented opportunity in serving love for the Social Mission Society of the Southern Conference. In receipts through

memberships and monthly grants from the Samaritan Society, our only source of income, we have received between $2,500 and $3,000.

For welfare, through the congregations where requests have been made, we have given aid totalling $595.66, and furnished the Daily Message "Light for Today" for use by the Chaplain of our California, Los Angeles and Santa Monica Hospitals, together with other tracts at a cost of $58.90.

Last, but not least, a $5,000 gift was made for the recently purchased Home for the Aged; also a pledge of $100 per month for the maintenance of the Home. The Society is Synodical and an affiliate of the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America and the Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY IRVING KOHLER, President

The Report was adopted by a rising vote.

The Rev. Clifford B. Holland presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The Committee on Ministerial Education is happy to report that marked progress has been made during the past year, with gains being shown especially in two directions.

First, we are happy to report an increasing number of students from our Synod studying for the ministry. The names of these students are listed below as a part of this report.

Secondly, the past year has been one in which further progress has been made toward standardizing the work of the Committee. Much of this progress has been made possible because of the regular use of the forms provided by the Board of Education of our United Lutheran Church.

The members of the Ministerial Education Committee wish to especially thank the following agencies and individuals for their generous cooperation during the past year: Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church; The Treasurer of Synod; The President of Synod; and our many fine students.

The Pastors of Synod are requested to continue in aiding the Committee by:

(1) Keeping in close touch with our students who are studying for full time work in the Church.

(2) Encouraging other young people to give serious consideration to the Gospel Ministry as their life work.

(3) Sending to the Committee the names and addresses of all prospects for the ministry.

(4) Remembering that there is a great demand throughout the Church for women as Parish Workers and Deaconesses.

Names of students from the California Synod who are studying for full-time service in the Church include:

Midland

Richard Arthur, First Church, Sacramento
Miss Patricia Rae Chapin, Grace Church, Culver City
Charles J. Clark, First Church, Los Angeles
James O. Eschenbrenner, First Church, Glendale
Kenneth Hartzheim, First Church, Los Angeles
Earl Heuser, First Church, Glendale
Robert Jackson, Grace Church, Richmond
Howard Mickle, First Church, Los Angeles
Herbert Ringo, Grace Church, Richmond
Harold Sherman, First Church, San Diego
E. Gene Vosseler, First Church, San Diego
James Youngquist, First Church, Glendale

Western Seminary

Jack W. Glidewell, Our Saviour's Church, Tucson

Albert Shandrick, St. Mark's, San Francisco

Also, the Rev. Robert Wheatley is planning to return to Western Seminary in February to complete his theological studies at that school.

Wesley Brosvik of Grace Church, Phoenix, is at Arizona State College; Miss Anita Buderer of St. John's Church, Sacramento, is at the Baltimore Motherhouse; William Moremen of St. Paul's Church, Santa Monica, is at Pomona College; Stanley Olson of Faith Church, Phoenix, studying in college and William A. Tate of Advent Church, Los Angeles is at City College, Los Angeles; Marion Gjerde, Grace Church, Richmond, is at the University of California in Berkeley.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD B. HOLAND, Chairman
MILUS BONKER
ROBERT MARSHALL
ROBERT ROMEIS

The Report was adopted.

Sister Adele Dasenbrock, Parish deaconess at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California, addressed the convention briefly, stressing especially the need for more girls to enter full-time Christian service in the Church. Our goal should be to send at least one girl from each Conference during each biennium.

The motion prevailed that Synod express its hearty appreciation to the Board of Education of the U.L.C.A. for its cooperation and aid.

The Rev. Clifford B. Holand presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK

Lutheran student work is being carried on at most of the colleges and universities throughout the states of California and Arizona, especially upon the campuses of the University of California at Berkeley, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of So. California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles City College, San Diego State College, Fresno State College, San Jose State College, Pasadena City College, Long Beach City College, University of Arizona at Tucson, Arizona State College at Tempe.

This year the National Lutheran Council assigned full-time student pastors to both northern and southern California. In the former, the Rev. Lloyd Jacobson directs the work. In Southern California, the Rev. F. J. Schenk has charge of the work.

The only student center under the Lutheran Church in our area is at the University of California, Berkeley, where the home has been operated for the past four years. Students are housed, as well as given an opportunity for worship, discussions, meetings and recreation.

The Lutheran Students Association is an avenue for recruits for full-time service of both men and women for the Church. One of the active pastors of Synod was formerly an active member of the group at U. C. L. A. At Berkeley, three young men are preparing for the Lutheran ministry and several young women are planning on entering the active work of the Church.

The day has gone when the church looks only to its church colleges for full-time workers. Today the real harvest for workers in the kingdom can be found in the state colleges and universities; especially is this true when we consider that 85% of the Lutheran students are attending non-Lutheran schools of higher learning.

The whole job of ministering to students resolves itself into winning, holding and developing students for Jesus Christ. One of the great men of the Lutheran church has said, "The biggest mission that the Lutheran church has in America today is on our state college and university campuses." This state-

ment is true, especially when we consider that what America's students are thinking today will be America's reality tomorrow.

We wish to recognize the faithful efforts of the pastors and lay workers who have assisted the program, as well as the students who have cooperated and served so well. We wish to thank the staff and members of the Board of Education, the National Lutheran Council, Synod, the Conferences, congregations and individuals who have made the work possible through their guidance and means.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

Student pastor Lloyd Jacobson pointed out the fact that there are students in State Universities who could be called into full-time Christian service. Pastors should make every effort in this direction.

The session was adjourned for a meeting of the Ministerium and a separate meeting of the Lay delegates and visitors to Synod.

FIFTH SESSION

Hollywood, California, January 29, 1947

The Northern and Southern Conferences met separately at 2:00 P.M.

The Fifth Session was opened at 2:30 P.M. with devotions by the Chaplain on "High and Lifted Up," based on John 12:32.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The Rev. J. E. Hoick presented the following report:

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The records for the year 1946 indicate a "Banner year" in our Synodical history. Liberated from the stifling limitations of the depression, and the privations of destructive wartare, we have entered an era of unprecedented progress. A brief summary includes:

1. Contributions for both local expenses and benevolent objects have reached an "all high."
2. Under the aggressive direction of the Home Mission Boards, both synodical and general, four new congregations have been organized and our boundaries have been extended to include the Hawaiian Islands.
3. Recognizing the increasing importance of the Pacific Coast area, the Board of Publication is establishing a branch office in Los Angeles.
4. We are about to see the realization of a vision, which has been fostered for a quarter of a century, in the acquisition and operation of the California Lutheran Home for the Aged.
5. The Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California, under the energetic leadership of the Executive Secretary, Dr. Frederick A. Smith, has become firmly established, and the efforts of the cooperating bodies have become unified, and better publicity is being secured. The Lutheran Welfare Council of Northern California, with Headquarters in San Francisco, started work in August, 1946. Its program is concerned with Family Welfare, Institutional ministry, personal problems, etc. Its three staff workers include: an Executive Director, an Institutional Chaplain, and a Social Welfare Worker. Branch offices are located in San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento.
6. For the increased attendance at the services of the sanctuary, for the dedication of the new churches, for the beautification of other houses of worship, and for the accelerated pace which is to be noted in the work of the church, we thank God and take courage.

In conclusion, the Historian recommends that each pastor enter upon the Church Records, a statement of the important events which have taken place during the year in his congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HOICK, Historian

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Arthur Alm presented the following report:

LUTHERAN CAMP REPORT FOR 1946

Once again under adverse conditions the California Lutheran Camp was opened to the young people of the churches. The attendance was not as large as we had anticipated, but all had a fine time under the able leadership of several of our pastors. The appreciation of the chairman of the committee is extended to all those who in any way helped with the camping program.

An increase in the camping fee was necessary for the first time.

A well rounded program of study, crafts, outdoor sports and other activities helped make it a fine camp.

There is still a tremendous need in California, especially in the Southern Conference, for a larger camping program; one which will include the younger folks, as well as the older ones whom we were unable to accomodate. A camping schedule for a whole month would not be too much to look forward to.

It is your committee's opinion that something should be done about the location of the camp. Either it should be improved considerably or an entire new location should be secured. Locations are available and can be developed into something that will fit our needs much better.

Your committee offers the following recommendations:

1. That the whole camping program be carefully studied; particular emphasis being placed upon the site of the camp.
2. That the program be made more inclusive of other ages beyond those who, at present, can be accomodated.
3. That all the pastors enter into the program with their own young people.

Respectfully submitted,
The Camp Committee
ARTHUR W. ALM
CHARLES SMITH

The Report was adopted.

The Committee was instructed to make a study as outlined in the recommendations included in the report.

The Supplementary Report of the Executive Committee was brought up for reconsideration.

Item 8 was adopted.

Item 9 was referred to the Executive Committee for further study.

The Rev. Philip W. Bergstresser presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The Officers of the Northern Conference elected at the regular meeting are:

The Rev. H. Paul Romeis.....President
Dr. J. George Dorn.....Vice-President
The Rev. Philip W. Bergstresser.....Secretary
Mr. Franz Jensen.....Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP W. BERGSTRESSER,
Secretary of Northern Conference

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Charles P. Smith presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Southern Conference convened at 1:40 P.M., January 29, 1947.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the re-election of the officers of the Conference for another year. The secretary then cast a ballot for the following:

The Rev. Albert Schwertz.....President
The Rev. Robert Kerstetter.....Vice-President
The Rev. Charles P. Smith.....Secretary
The Rev. Arthur Alm.....Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. SMITH, Secretary

The Report was adopted.

Mr. Robert Inslee presented the following report:

REPORT OF MEETING OF LAY DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION OF SYNOD

At the meeting of Lay Delegates to the Convention of Synod on Wednesday, January 28, 1947, 11:45 A.M., unanimous action was taken to present the following to the Convention.

It is recommended that the first busines session of the Synodical Convention be set aside for a laymen's meeting for the purpose of welcoming the lay delegates and acquainting them with the work of Synod; such meeting to be conducted by the lay members of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT RAY INSLEE, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

The following visitors were presented to the Convention: The Rev. Clarence Johnson, Pastor of the Lutheran Service Center in Hollywood, California; the Rev. George E. Moeller, Pastor of the Lutheran Service Center in San Diego; and the Rev. Elmer Johnson, Editor of the "Western Lutheran."

The motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be instructed to give consideration to our relationship with the "Western Lutheran."

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF SYNOD

By the grace of God and the assistance of His able servants in His most Holy Church, your committee can report another year of growth physically, numerically and, we pray, spiritually in the mission fields assigned to our care. Six congregations will present themselves for admission to our Synod at this convention. We welcome them in the name of our blessed Lord and ever pray that they shall always be faithful to Him and to His work which He has given His Church to perform.

The Salem United Ev. Lutheran Church, of Whittier, California, the Rev. David Robison, the Board Missionary pastor, was organized by Board Missionary Paul Gerberding on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 1946. The congregation is worshipping in a hall in Whittier at present, but has received C.P.A. approval for the erection of a modest church edifice and parish house on its sizeable and well-located church site .

The Luther Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church, of Burbank, California, the Rev. L. A. Failing, Board Missionary and organizer, was formally brought into being as a congregation on September 22, 1946 at the Women's Club House, in Burbank, where the congregation continues to worship. Plans are under way for the erection of a Church and Sunday School building on the mission's property located in the northwest area of the City.

The St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, of Richmond, California (Richmond Annex), the Rev. Fred Bartelt, Board Missionary and organizer, was born Advent Sunday, December 1, 1946. The congregation is worshipping at present in a hall in the area, but is looking forward to the erection of its new building on the mission's property in the Annex.

St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Ev. Lutheran Church, of San Diego (Ocean Beach), California, was formally organized on Sunday, December 8, 1946, with the Rev. Earl Johnson as Board Missionary organizer. This congregation is, likewise, worshipping in a Women's Club House, but is making plans for the erection of a beautiful structure at Sunset Cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The original church site lot was donated by one of the charter members, Mr. John A. Titlow. Another lot was given by a member of the First Ev. Lutheran Church, of Glendale, California, Miss Ruth Aus. For both of these contributions, your Committee expresses gratitude.

Under the direction of your Committee, the boundaries of Synod have been expanded to cover the Hawaiian Islands, where two congregations have been planted under the pastoral leadership of the Reverends Hans Isenberg, Paul Richter and Arthur Hormann, Ph.D., and the lay leadership of Mr. Paul Isenberg, the Master-Planter of the Islands, Mrs. Dora Isenberg, his daughter and the widow of the Rev. Hans Isenberg and Mr. H. Rohrig, the president of the Lutheran Church of Honolulu.

Your Committee is happy to present these two congregations of the Islands: The Lutheran Church of Honolulu, the Rev. H. Edward Hamme, pastor, and The Lutheran Church of Lihue, the Rev. Arthur Hormann, Ph.D., pastor. Both congregations have their own church buildings, as well as other properties.

Besides the organized missions, five missions are in the process of organization: Los Angeles (Loyola Village), California, the Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, Board Missionary; Long Beach (Lakewood City), California, the Rev. Louis Mertz, Board Missionary; San Diego (Pacific Beach) California, the Rev. Quentin Garman, Board Missionary; El Monte, California, the Rev. Willis Forsyth, Board Missionary; and Pomona, California, the Rev. Paul Gerberding, Board Missionary. At this latter field, a sizeable property and a chapel have been donated to the new mission by Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson, members of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, of Alhambra, California. Your Committee is grateful for this donation.

Plans are being formulated for the occupation of several other fields in California, Nevada, Arizona and the Hawaiian Islands. Surveys have been made in most of these and approval has been given both by the Lutheran Regional Home Mission Committees and the Board of American Missions.

The following congregations have received assistance through the Board of American Missions upon the recommendation of your Committee: St. Paul's Los Angeles, renewal of Church Extension Loan $2,875.00; parsonage loan, $6,500.00 (Commercial Loan $5,000.00); First, San Diego, $8,500.00 for church property and $8,500.00 for parsonage; Altadena for Church furnishings $375.00; Faith, Long Beach (grant) $125.00 for Building; Faith, Phoenix, for construction of new church building and parsonage $32,000.00, loan and grant $1,000.00; Luther, Burbank, for a parsonage, $6,0000.00 (Commercial Loan $4,500.00), and for church property $4,500.00, St. James (Richmond Annex), Richmond, for parsonage, $5,000.00 (Commercial Loan $3,500.00) and for church property $3,600.00; St. Peter's, San Diego (Ocean Beach), for parsonage $8,500.00 and for property, $2,500.00; Honolulu, T. H., for parsonage $14,500.00; Our Saviour's, Tucson, (grant) $150 for church plans; Grace, Santa Barbara, (grant) $200.00 for building repairs; St. Andrew's, San Mateo, for parsonage, $8,000.00; Grace, Culver City, for construction of new building, $16,750.00 loan, $2,115.00 grant, (Commercial Loan $9,000.00); Mission (Pacific Beach), San Diego, for parsonage, $6,500.00 (Commercial Loan $5,000.00), and for church property and building, $16,500.00; St. Paul's, Sacramento, for parsonage $7,200.00, and for plans (grant) $650.00; Mission, Los Angeles (Loyola Village), for parsonage $6,500.00 (Commercial Loan $4,000.00), and for church property $6,200.00; Mission, Pomona, for parsonage $6,500.00 (Commercial Loan $4,000.00); Holy Trinity, Inglewood, for church property $13,000.00; Salem, Whittier, $150 (grant).

Due to inflationary conditions, the Board of American Missions has approved an increased salary adjustment on 1946 missionaries' salary grants from the Board of 15% and a like adjustment for 1947 above the following grants approved both by the Committee and the Board: Altadena, $1,680.00; Grace, Culver City, $1800; Holy Trinity, Inglewood, $1,260.00; Faith, Long Beach, $1,800.00; Faith, Phoenix, $1,680.00; St. Paul's, Sacramento, $1,800.00; Temple,

San Francisco, $900.00; St. Andrew's, San Mateo, $1,500.00; Grace, Santa Barbara, $960.00; Our Saviour's, Tucson, $2,400.00.

The Committee congratulates the St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Oakland, in attaining self-support as to salary, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sanger; First Ev. Lutheran Church, Fresno; Bethany, Los Angeles, and Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, San Jose, in becoming fully self-supporting by paying their Church Extension loans to the Board in full.

Missions other than those listed above with church extension loans are: St. Michael's, Berkeley; Advent, Los Angeles; St. John's, Oakland; First, San Bernardino; St. Paul's, Santa Monica.

The Rev. Joseph Peterson, having received a call from Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Canon City, Colorado, resigned his pastorate of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vallejo, California, to which congregation Board Missionary Glen Balsley was assigned, beginning his ministry on December 1, 1946.

Another Board Missionary in addition to those listed in this report is the Rev. Dwight L. Miley, First, San Francisco. It is anticipated that this congregation will extend a call shortly to Pastor Miley. Under his leadership, a parsonage has been purchased and plans formulated for a new church edifice.

During the year, the following Board Missionaries have been called to pastorates in Synod: the Rev. Frederick K. Wentz, Grace, Culver City, California; the Rev. Theodore A. Youngquist, St. Paul's, Sacramento; the Rev. Titus Scholl, Our Saviour's, Tucson. The Rev. Paul Keck resigned the pastorate of St. Paul's, Sacramento, to accept a call to First, Redlands, a self-supporting congregation of Synod.

In the erection of the beautiful edifice of Westwood Village, Los Angeles, your Committee recommended that Synod extend a loan of $2,000.00, which has been done by the Executive Committee of Synod.

We rejoice with Faith, Phoenix, Arizona, in the completion of its new church, parish house and parsonage. This was the only mission congregation able to build in Synod, other than Westwood Village, due to governmental regulations C. P. A. permits to build have now been received by Grace, Culver City and our new mission at Loyola Village, Los Angeles, and Whittier, California.

Your Committee has representation on the two Lutheran Regional Home Mission Committees of the National Lutheran Council. On the San Francisco Committee, the Rev. H. Paul Romeis and the president of Synod are our representatives. On the Los Angeles Committee, the Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D., and the president of Synod serve. On this latter Committee, the Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler served during the illness of Dr. Anspach.

At the recent meeting of the United Lutheran Church, in Cleveland, the president of Synod was elected to membership on the Board of American Missions.

With the assistance of the Board of American Missions, a mission pastors' summer school was held during the latter part of August at the Lutheran Camp in the San Bernardino Mountains. All but two of our mission pastors were present either at this camp or the Lake Wawasee Camp of the Board. A large number of the other pastors of Synod were in attendance. Your Committee is grateful for the services rendered as teachers by the Rev. Arthur M. Knudsen, D.D., and the Rev. Dwight H. Shelhart. The Rev. Edward N. Spirer and a group from North Hollywood, took charge of all of the meals, while the Rev. J. Benner Weaver was chairman of the camp. An expression of gratitude is offered to these and all others who assisted. Plans are being formulated for a Board of American Missions Summer School at Mt. Hermon during the summer of 1947.

The missionary work of Synod could not be carried on were it not for the assistance of the Board of American Missions both in finances and leadership. Your Committee wishes to thank the Board and the staff of the Board, especially the Rev. Zenan M. Corbe, Executive Secretary of the Board; the Rev. Paul A. Kirsch, D.D., Assistant Executive Secretary; the Rev. Arthur M. Knudsen, D.D., Secretary of English Missions; the Rev. Karl Henry, S.T.M., Secretary of Rural Work and Survey and Research, and Mr. Elwood L. Bowman, Secretary of Church Extension.

Likewise, the officers of the United Lutheran Church in America have aided our work materially, especially President Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., who directed the program which brought the Hawaiian churches into Synod. Dr. Clarence Stoughton and Dr. Charles B. Foelsch, who assisted in the stewardship program of our missions, as well as the other congregations of Synod.

During the past year the Synodical Women's Missionary Society, under the presidency of Mrs. P. J. Kramer, has raised over $3,000.00 for our synodical missionary work. The officers of the synodical society, as well as the members and officers of the two conferences deserve a great deal of credit for this magnificent gift to the Synod for the extension of the kingdom.

A number of local congregations continue to assist the mission. Among these, the work of Advent, Los Angeles, must be mentioned. This congregation is supplying a parish register to each mission organized in Synod. For all of these contributions the Synod is grateful.

All of the members of your Committee have served faithfully and well.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That during the convention the Chaplain be asked to pray a special prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings of Almighty God given to our mission work.
2. That the secretary of Synod be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Board of American Missions; the executive secretary of the Board for his and the help of all other staff members; the President of the United Lutheran Church in America; Dr. Clarence C. Stoughton; Dr. Charles B. Foelsch and Mrs. P. J. Kramer.
3. That our representative to the synodical convention of the Women's Missionary Society be instructed to express the appreciation of Synod for the work of the Synodical Society for the Synodical Special Appeal of the Society for funds for our missions.
4. That the secretary of Synod be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Women's Missionary Society of the U. L. C. A. for its assistance through the Board of American Missions of a number of missions of Synod.
5. That Synod express, by a rising vote, the appreciation of the church for Board Missionary Organizers, the Rev. Paul Gerberding, the Rev. Earl Johnson, the Rev. L. A. Failing and the Rev. Fred Bartelt.
6. That Synod take action favoring the continuance of our missionary program.

Respectfully submitted,

The Home Mission Committee

THE. REV. JAMES P. BEASOM,
Chairman

THE REV. ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ,
Secretary

The Report was adopted by a rising vote.

The Rev. J. P. Beasom presented the following:

SUGGESTIONS FOR BOARD MISSIONARIES AND MISSION PASTORS SERVING ON THE TERRITORY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Relationships:

1. All mission pastors and Board missionaries serving on the territory of the California Synod are serving under the jurisdiction of the Home Mission Committee of Synod. All matters to be presented to the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, must have the approval of this Committee.

2. When correspondence relative to the parish work is carried on, either with the Board of American Missions or a member of the Staff of the Board, a copy of such correspondence should be sent to the Chairman of the Home Mission Committee of Synod (the President of Synod).
3. All requests for aid or counsel from a mission congregation or a mission pastor should be directed to the Home Mission Committee of Synod.

Reports:

1. Board Missionaries engaged in the development of new, unorganized congregations are expected to make monthly reports to the Chairman of the Home Missions of Synod, copies of which must be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Board of American Missions (Dr. Zenan M. Corbe) and to the Secretary of English Missions (Dr. Arthur M. Knudsen).
2. Board missionaries and mission pastors of organized congregations are required to make quarterly reports, sending one copy of the report to the Chairman of the Synodical Committee of Home Missions, one copy to the Executive Secretary of the Board of American Missions (Dr. Zenan M. Corbe), one copy to the Secretary of English Missions of the Board of American Missions (Dr. Arthur M. Knudsen), and, if the mission is supported by the Women's Missionary Society, one copy shall be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society (Miss Nona Diehl), 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Applications:

1. Congregations seeking salary aid should apply for such aid on forms furnished for that purpose and submitted to the Home Mission Committee of Synod by the tenth of September of the year preceding the time when the aid is desired; four copies of the application shall be sent to the office of the President of Synod.
2. Pastors seeking salary aid must send to the office of the President of Synod by December 10 preceding the year for which aid is requested: three copies of the annual budget of the congregation for the new year, one copy of the contributor's list for the new year, and, if a pastor was called during the year, a copy of the call.
   Congregations seeking loans or grants from the Board of American Missions of any type should send to the President of Synod, three copies of the particular form desired. Such forms will be furnished by the president's office.

Organization of Congregations:

1. Fields for occupancy must first have the approval of the Regional Lutheran Home Mission Committee.
2. The field shall be surveyed under the direction of the Division of Survey and Research of the Board of American Missions and shall have the approval of the Board before occupancy.
3. The Board Missionary assigned to the field shall make pastoral calls upon the unchurched of the community listed in the survey as well as on all other prospects he may discover.
4. Invitations to charter membership should be presented to the prospects in such a manner that the prospects are not expected or able to give a negative reply. (Example: "We are planning to organize a United Lutheran Church in this community and we would be happy to have you as one of of our charter members.")
5. It is suggested that charter membership cards be used with the following wording: "Believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, I seek charter membership in the United Lutheran Church of.....,
   Signed....., Address.....
   Date....."
6. After twenty-five or more have signified their interest in a mission congregation, either by a verbal statement or by the signing of a charter membership card, the Board missionary should ask six men, if possible, from those who have signed charter membership cards, to act as a temporary organi-

zation committee. This temporary organization committee, with the pastor, should meet with the President of Synod to arrange for worship services, and to plan for the purchase of property.

7. Fifty Common Service Books are furnished the new mission gratis by the Board of American Missions; Sunday School literature is furnished gratis for six months by the Board of Publications. A Parish Register is furnished gratis by the Advent Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, California; chairs and piano may be furnished gratis either through the Home Mission Committee of Synod or the Women's Missionary Society. Application for all of the above should be made through the President of Synod.
8. After services have been held for at least three months and after fifty or more adults have signed charter membership cards, the congregation may request the Board of American Missions through the office of the Secretary of English Missions for permission to organize.
9. The organization of congregations should include the following requirements:
   (a) Applications for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.
   (b) The model constitution of the congregation should be accepted as the constitution of the congregation with the blank spaces in the model constitution filled in with the approval of the congregation.
   (c) The congregation should apply for incorporation as a non-profit religious corporation of the state, so that properyt may be held in the name of the new congregation.
   (d) It is recommended that the Treasurer of the new congregation be bonded.
10. Mission congregations when seeking salary aid from the Board of American Missions should plan to attain self-support within ten years. Mission congregations desiring to add to the support of their pastors may do so without jeopardizing the support granted by the Board of American Missions.

Buildings:

1. Mission congregations seeking to erect church edifices should fill out a form entitled "Loan-Construction for Preliminary Study" which will be supplied by the office of the President of Synod. If the mission congregation desires to use a local architect, two copies of the preliminary plans (white prints) must be sent to the U.L.C.A. Committee on Church Architecture, and one copy to the Secretary of Church Extension through the office of the President of Synod. Approval of these plans must be given by the U.L.C.A. Committee on Church Architecture as well as by the Secretary of Church Extension of the Board of American Missions.
2. Congregations seeking to use a design from the Architectural Portfolio of the Board of American Missions may apply for such services through the President of Synod. Such plans, if used without change, need not be sent to the U. L. C. A. Committee on Church Architecture for approval, since said plans have been previously submitted to the U. L. C. A. Committee.
3. After construction plans and specifications have been approved, the mission congregation should seek a construction contract or estimate on construction. When this is obtained, three copies of "Loan-Construction" form shall be filed with the President of Synod for approval of the Board of American Missions. When approval is obtained, construction may begin, if the congregation has met all of the financial agreements for construction, and has approved all agreements and authorized all necessary papers pertaining thereto.
4. Congregations desiring to purchase property upon which to erect a church edifice should consult the Board of American Missions and the President of Synod before making any commitments. (The same procedure should be followed when requesting funds for parsonages).

In Conclusion:

When issues arise not listed in the suggestions above, the mission pastor or congregation should request a conference with the President of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PRINCE BEASOM

The motion prevailed that the report be adopted with the recommendation that it be printed and distributed to all Board Missionaries of the Synod.

The motion prevailed that the matter presented to the President of Synod concerning an individual be referred without comment to a special committee for consideration.

Dr. Armin G. Weng addressed the Convention on "Developments in the Lutheran Church throughout the World."

At 4:30 P.M. the delegates were conducted on a tour through the New Home for the Aged, located in Alhambra, California.

The Convention Vespers were held in Hollywood Lutheran Church at 8:00 P.M. under the auspices of the Brotherhood of the Southern Conference, with the following participants: Liturgists: The Rev. Carl V. Tambert and the Rev. Theodore A. Youngquist; Homilist: the Rev. Armin G. Weng, Ph.D., President of the Illinois Synod. Mr. F. J. Bowman, president of the Southern Conference Brotherhood introduced the speaker. Special music was furnished by the choir of First Lutheran Church, Glendale, California.

SIXTH SESSION

Hollywood, California, January 30, 1947

The Sixth Session was opened on Thursday morning at 9:00 A.M. with devotions by the Chaplain on the theme, "Show me the Christian man."

The minutes of the Fourth and Fifth Sessions were approved.

The Report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Claims Committee approves the following claims for transportation to the Synodical Convention:

Harold S. Hansen	$ 5.00	August S. Claus	10.36
T. A. Youngquist	28.09	Bernhard Steinhauer	10.36
Wieland L. Skinner, Jr.	42.18	John C. Bitter	10.36
Robert S. Romeis	28.24	Herman Lucas	18.19
Paul H. Wolpert	34.24	Eldon R. Miller	26.02
Len Leonard	42.50	J. George Dorn	26.02
Gilbert G. Pape	32.98	E. Dale Click	26.02
A. C. Kundten	13.69	Milus W. Bonker	15.00
H. Paul Romeis	27.00	George H. Sorvig	15.00
Glen O. Balsley	13.69	E. A. Vosseler	6.50
Gerald H. VaVerka	34.44	Earl J. Johnson	4.65
F. A. D. Jensen	25.65	Arthur W. Alm	2.75
Philip W. Bergstresser	13.69	S. C. Clemensen	2.75
Mrs. Leon S. Aurich	13.69	Dwight L. Miley	13.69
H. C. Lindsay	30.00	Quentin P. Garman	4.65
Carl C. Anderson	30.00	George A. Spindt	4.25
Arthur L. Hansen	34.25	Mrs. K. Kley	5.00
Claus C. Nissen	13.69	Elsie E. Schroeder	5.00
Harold J. Lorimer	13.69	J. E. Sybilrud	10.00
G. O. Bengtson	30.00	Hugo Libway	23.54
H. Edward Hamme	100.00	George Harbick	10.36
Charles A. Miley	10.36		
L. S. Johnston	13.50	Total	$882.04

The Claims Committee

HENRY SCHERER
WM. B. SCHEEHL
GEORGE SPINDT
CARL A. BELL

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Carl Miller presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF SYNOD

We believe the Minutes of Synod to be accurately recorded in the "Proceedings of the Fifty-fifth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California" (1946).

We recommend that the Executive Committee, or the Committee in question, consider the possibility and advisability of condensing the reports to useful essentials before publication.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Clifford B. Holland presented:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I. That the following procedures be mimeographed and copies given to each student preparing for full-time Christian service.

1. The student through his Pastor shall contact the chairman of the Education Committee.
2. The student shall fill in the necessary forms and return them to the committee as soon as possible.
3. The student shall arrange for an interview with some member of the Committee, or an appointed representative.
4. Financial aid will be granted according to need up to $250.00 per year. Those receiving aid must fill in and sign a promissory note and return it to the chairman of the Committee.
5. Students preparing for full-time Christian service at a Lutheran School will have their railway coach fare reimbursed when a written request is addressed to the Chairman of the Committee, if all forms have been returned.

II. Financial aid received by each student shall be listed in the Annual Report of the Committee.

III. No aid shall be granted any student who has lower than a two point grade average, allowing a grace period of one semester.

Submitted by the Committee

The motion prevailed that these recommendations be adopted.

The Rev. Charles P. Smith presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC

During the past year the work of the Committee has been confined in large part to individual consultations with pastors and church musicians. A number of churches have consulted on various problems connected with church music.

Prior to the Christmas holiday season the Chairman of the Committee circulated, through courtesy of the department of church music of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, a list of selected anthems recommended by the director of the department.

The Committee expects to circulate further lists of suggestions in the future, from this and other sources.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee,

CHARLES P. SMITH, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

The following report was presented by the Rev. Robert J. Marshall:

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE ULCA CONVENTION

Nine delegates and one alternate from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California attended the Fifteenth Biennial Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America at Cleveland, Ohio, October 5-11, 1946.

This was the first convention of the church at which the new president, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, presided. During the sessions, Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz was elected to succeed Dr. Walton H. Greever as secretary.

The convention approved the selection of hymns for the new hymnal being prepared by the Common Service Book Committee in cooperation with representatives from other national Lutheran bodies, and authorized continuance of the work including discussions on the liturgy. The Executive Board is to develop plans for creating a new Bureau of Church Architecture.

Pension plans received lengthy consideration. Delegates realized the need for supplemental subsidies to pastors now receiving pensions under the non-contributory plan. In allocating apportionment funds, an additional $175 per year will be paid each pensioner. Those who become eligible for pensions after November 1, 1947, will receive these supplementary subsidies only if they have previously joined the Contributory Pension Plan. Equalization of payments to be made under the Contributory Pension Plan was rejected. By an addition to the By-laws under which the Contributory Plan operates, any change in a contract will be impossible without the consent of the holder. To supervise the enlarging funds of the Pension Board, an increase of staff will include an investment clerk.

Approval was given the new constitution of the Lutheran World Federation. Again and again the urgency of appeals for Lutheran World Action and Lutheran World Relief, Inc., received emphasis.

The Church adopted the recommended budget for $2,750,000 for 1947, but increased the recommended budget for 1948 to $3,000,000. Delegates also voted to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the ULC in 1948 by attempting to raise the apportionment goal for that year by 200%.

Several amendments to the ULC constitution were voted to be presented to the synods for approval. These amendments would effect the following changes:

1. No one over 68 could be elected to an office of the ULC.
2. Members of the executive staffs of boards and agencies would be required to retire at 68.
3. Nominations for members of boards and agencies to be elected at a convention, would be made by a committee of 19 appointed 90 days before the convention. Proposals for nominations could be made by delegates from the synods. The list of nominees would be published for the delegates in advance of the convention.
4. The ULC would be empowered to participate in establishing a graduate theological seminary.

A significant action encourages members of the ULC everywhere to unite in prayer at 7 P.M. each day. The secretary of the church is to publish prayer objectives each month.

Respectfully submitted,

The Delegation

The amendments were adopted seriatim.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the funds in the Special Fund for a Youth Worker be kept intact for the purpose it was given unless otherwise directed by the congregations which gave them.

Mr. F. J. Bowman presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Another glorious year has passed in the service of God in which the congregations of Synod gave freely and liberally not only to the regular benev-

olence apportionment, but also to the special benevolent appeals of the U.L.C.A. and Synod. Once more we are a 100% Synod. Our apportionment receipts, as will be noted by the treasurer's report, have passed that goal for another year. Moreover, we have met and surpassed our two-year goal for Lutheran World Action in one year. Every congregation and every pastor is to be commended for this fine cooperation.

During the year, Dr. Clarence Stoughton visited the territory of Synod, making a large number of stewardship addresses to congregations and groups of church councilmen. Toward the end of the year, we were blessed by the presence on our territory of Dr. Charles B. Foelsch, who spoke to a number of congregations and groups on stewardship throughout Synod. Your committee would like to thank both of these leaders of our Church.

The Lutheran Laymen's Movement once more furnished free literature for distribution for our every member visitations. We are grateful for this gift. A few pastors failed to order this material. Your committee urges every congregation to avail itself of this contribution during 1947 and asks that a visitation be scheduled in each church throughout Synod.

The apportionment should always be understood as the minimum goal of the church to carry out the commands of our blessed Lord. Each congregation is not only asked to meet this minimum quota, but to go the second mile. During the year 1948, the U. L. C. A. will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary. As an anniversary appeal for the advance program of the church, each congregation is asked to double its apportionment. Your committee recommends that congregations begin this year by placing a higher goal of 150% benevolence.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. BOWMAN, Chairman

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. J. George Dorn presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

An Advertising and Publicity Program for Your Church

Planned **advertising** and **public relations** offer an opportunity which many churches are capitalizing upon today. Perhaps your church is using both of these aids. If not, this article may be of help.

First, it is well to define clearly the meaning of advertising as against publicity, and thus keep the two in proper relationship.

"Advertising is paid space in accepted media—space containing copy which contemplates inducing an estimated number of people to take certain calculated action." This may sound like a long description. It is important, however, so please read it again.

WHAT IS **PUBLICITY?**

Most editors dislike the term "publicity." They prefer to call their stories "news." This is an important difference to bear in mind. When you send in information that you hope your local newspaper will print, do your very best to give it a news slant. Put in the names and addresses of as many people as possible. Refer to coming events and see that your editor has the information in sufficient time. Moreover, do not feel too badly if your story fails to appear in print. After all, the editor must be the judge of what is to comprise the news for the day or for the week.

WHAT TYPE OF ADS OR PUBLICITY?

Most churches spend little or nothing for advertising and publicity. Your Synodical Public Relations Committee hopes that during the coming year you will consider a small appropriation for advertising purposes.

Even if no appropriation is available, do something about sending in news stories every week. Don't pass up the opportunity that awaits you for free news space in your local newspapers. You'll find your local editors and publishers

anxious to cooperate. They will welcome brief stories about your organization doings, weddings, christenings, famous visitors, women's or men's meetings, anniversaries of this or that, trips by the pastor or other of your official family —in short, happenings that make NEWS for your papers. Send along pictures when you can, or mats or cuts if available. Don't be too backward about offering these news stories. You'll find it pays to let people know that your church is a live organization.

PUT SOMEONE IN CHARGE

Someone should be appointed to look after advertising and publicity. If there is a church secretary, he or she is a natural one to assume responsibility under the pastor and perhaps with help of a Public Relations Committee.

In most cases, the church will have the young man or woman who is taking journalism or advertising in school. Such an individual will be very helpful if there is no church secretary. However, someone should be appointed to do the work. Don't let it be everybody's job. Many churches have a member of the church council who heads up a public relations committee. It is wise to have council and pastoral supervision over everything that goes out. Such a committee can also set up policies regarding news and advertising to make sure that material conforms to the policies of the Synod and the local church.

ADVERTISING PLANS

Your advertising, too, is important enough to call for **planning** and **budgeting.** If you can't afford to set aside money from current expenses try making it an organization project, perhaps for your Brotherhood or other men's group. Put some businessman who advertises in charge and watch things hum. Such men know how important advertising is to most firms.

SOME SUGGESTED STEPS

1. At your next council or board meeting decide on what action to take in connection with advertising and publicity.
2. Agree on **who** is to supervise and set the policies.
3. Lay out a plan of action itemizing as many details as possible.
4. Appoint some individual to be personally responsible for preparing and sending out stories as well as advertising material. Such work must necessarily be closely supervised by the pastor as head of the organization.
5. Decide on some of the media you propose to use. If the local telephone book is to be used, (and we would place this No. 1 on the list), then decide on how much space you can afford. Likewise, you must find out when the classified telephone directory is printed. Try to use a small picture of your church together with some simple appeal inviting people to come, and suggesting reasons for so doing.

If newspapers are to be used, determine what space you will use and the kind of newspaper advertisements you will want. Some newspapers have a mat service enabling you to get some illustrated material. However, most such material is too large in size and not sufficiently specific for the average church. Write to the Associated Advertising Agency, 1151 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California, as they have a group of mats suitable for the church advertising. You may find that you could use their mats to advantage. They will also be glad to help suggest other material suitable for local church advertising.

6. Discuss whether or not it would pay to prepare a mimeographed or printed folder containing information about your church, some of its main advantages, facts about this organization, its synodical affiliations, and other facts that may interest prospective families. Many churches found that people like to "think it over" before making the final decision. Such a folder prepared on 8½" x 11" sheet and folded over once makes an impressive and interesting looking booklet.
7. Agree on how much you will spend each month in paid space and how the money is to be raised. Consider what you plan to accomplish—in other words, set some goal. You may decide that

you want to gauge the results by the number of stories appearing in your papers, by the number of advertisements used during the year, by the increased interest and by the prestige it builds for your organization, or by some other measuring stick. In any case, set up a plan and stick to it for 12 months.

MISCELLANEOUS SUGGESTIONS

In the normal advertising and news program for the local church, the newspaper is generally best. Obviously, your ad should appear in the telephone book, but outside of such classified space, the local newspaper reaches a given number of families and carries definite prestige for you.

Radio and posters also have their place. If you contemplate a local radio program it would pay you to consult the president of your Synod. He will doubtless submit your problem to professional people available to him, or suggest certain policies that have proved successful elsewhere.

SUMMARIZING

Let us emphasize that your advertising and public relations has for its main purpose the goal of changing the attitude of prospective members.

Such attitudes generally fall in one of the four classes.

1. Antagonistic.
2. Indifferent.
3. Mildly interested.
4. Enthusiastic.

Obviously, you want all to become **enthusiastic** about you and your church.

DANGER OR NEED

In selling, you must make your "prospect" conscious of something you have to offer—make him feel the lack or danger in his present situation. In so doing, you must first make them feel a need of something you can provide. Example: Would you live in a churchless community?

WHAT DO YOU OFFER?

Your "sales story" or big idea comes next. You offer a proposition with immediate benefits as well as far-reaching and long-lasting ones. Example: "He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life."

EMPHASIZE THE "BENEFITS"

It pays also to dramatize how the reader or listener will **profit** from doing what you suggest. Perhaps you even offer some proof using some of the marvelous assurances contained in The Book of Books. Example "If any man will do his work he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself."

ACT NOW

Your final step is to urge immediate action, literally seeking them to "walk while ye have the light lest darkness come upon you." Finally, you list your name, address and telephone number, using a good signature cut to make your advertisement distinctive.

VALUABLE OFFER

The Public Relations Committee of Synod has prepared an advertising and publicity questionnaire, to assist our churches in developing a program suited to local needs. If you will fill and return the questionnaire to the Committee, they will submit a complete plan designed to put advertising and publicity to work for you. There is no obligation involved for this professional counsel. Write to the Committee Chairman, P. O. Narveson, ASSOCIATED ADVERTISING AGENCY, INC., 1151 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California.

Respectfully submitted,

P. O. NARVESON,

Committee Chairman

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

The attendance at the 56th Convention of Synod has been remarkably high.

Only a few of the Pastors have been absent and their absences have been occasioned by illness or advanced age.

Letters requesting excuse for the absences have been received from most of the Brethren. And verbal explanations have been given by the others.

Your Committee recommends that all absentees be excused and that special prayers be offered for those in ill health and advanced age, and that the Secretary be directed to write a letter to each of these men greeting them in the name of the Synod.

We recommend that all Chaplains be excused.

We commend the faithfulness with which all delegates to the Convention have attended the sessions.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The Report was adopted.

The Rev. Frederick K. Wentz presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your Resolutions Committee offers the following resolutions:

1. Whereas we are deeply appreciative of the excellent hospitality extended us by the pastor, and members of Hollywood Lutheran Church in offering their church for the use of this convention, be it resolved that this body express its gratitude by a standing vote and that this resolution be presented to the congregation at a public service.

2. Whereas we have been greatly inspired by the presence and messages of Dr. Armin George Weng, President of the Illinois Synod and official representative of the U.L.C.A. to Synod, and of Dr. Charles Puls, pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Madison, Wisconsin, and President of the Alumni Association of Midland College, be it resolved that this body express its sincere thanks to them with a rising vote.

3. Whereas Dr. William H. Greever has voluntarily retired as Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, be it resolved that this body express our sincere thanks to God for his years of faithful service and hereby record our appreciation and gratitude for his personal comradeship, brotherly love and delightful fellowship which have inspired us as a synod and our beloved United Lutheran Church in America.

4. Whereas the Synod of California many years ago took action looking toward the establishment of a Theological Seminary at Berkeley, California, and

Whereas there were factors which prevented its accomplishments, and

Whereas the phenomenal increase of population, and the growth and expansion of the work of the Lutheran Church on the Pacific Coast demands the preparation of men for the Gospel ministry,

Therefore be it resolved:

—that the Synod reaffirm its intention to establish a Theological Seminary and/or a college in this area either by itself or in cooperation with other Lutheran bodies; and

—that this intention be relayed to the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America with the request that it investigate all possibilities for this, and report to the Synod its findings and proposals; and

—that the Executive Committee appoint a special committee to investigate these possibilities, the committee to act in cooperation with the Board of Education, said committee to report its findings to the Executive Committee of Synod, which is hereby authorized to make initial preparations for its accomplishment either by itself or in cooperation with other Lutheran bodies.

5. Whereas the work of the Rev. August S. Claus and the Rev. Herman Lucas with prisoners of war and in the relief of the victims of war represents an outstanding and worthy service within our Synod, be it resolved that this body express its gratitude and commendation to them and commend that work to the hearts and hands of the people of the congregation of Synod.

6. Whereas the levying of an excise tax on church organs has been termed indefensible by national leaders, be it resolved that this body wire the Hon. Harold Knutson, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Congress of the United States, urging the repeal of the excise tax on church organs.

7. Whereas the Statisticians Conference of the U.L.C.A plans to meet in the first week of March so that attendance thereat would cost California's statistician eleven days and two Sundays in Lent, be it resolved that this body petition the Secretary of the U.L.C.A to postpone the same until after Easter.

8. Whereas the statistics compiled for the bulletin of convention represent much effort and are of wide interest and value, be it resolved that all the statistical reports of the statistician in the bulletin of the 56th annual convention be included in the printed minutes of convenion to a maximum of three additional printed pages selected by the statistician with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.

9. Be it resolved by this body that Sunday, June 1, 1947, be designated appropriate time for congregations to retire their service flags with appropriate services.

10. Be it resolved that due to the increasing demands upon the President of Synod in the Home Missions Field of the Synod that the Congregations be urged to make fuller use of the Presidents of Conferences and that the President of Synod be called upon only in those cases of utmost importance in the congregational life of the several churches.

11. Be it resolved that we express deep and humble gratitude to our Father God for the great material advancement and spiritual growth which He has granted this Synod throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK K. WENTZ
JOHN E. HOICK
TITUS SCHOLL
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Report was adopted seriatim.

The Rev. Edward N. Spirer presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE HOME FOR THE AGED

Before making its report, your board would like to preface its remarks with a tribute to all who have in any manner or means assisted through the years in planning, working or giving for a synodical home for the aged. These laid the foundation upon which we build today, and to them must go much of the credit for that which now appears to be the reality of their vision.

During the past year, your board bought two pieces of property. The first of these was a five acre tract in La Crescenta, among the beautiful Verdugo Hills, for ten thousand dollars ($10,000). This was done after an exhaustive survey, made by Mr. Henry Foster, for a parcel of ground which could be zoned for a home for the care of our older people.

While we were making plans for the erection of buildings on this newly purchased property, our attention was brought to the Jebbia Estate in Alhambra by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tapp, of Glendale, California. After a conference with Mr. Jebbia and many visitations to the estate, your board recommended to the executive committee of Synod the purchase of the property for seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000) cash, provided the property could be zoned for a home for the aged.

With less than twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) available and after much deliberation, your executive committee voted unanimously to purchase

the estate. Twenty-five thousand dollars was paid down upon the unanimous vote of the City Commission of Alhambra in zoning the property for us. The balance of the money was to be paid on or before January 1, 1947.

No one will ever know the hours of prayer, thinking and working that went into the financing of the home the next months after the initial payment. One negative answer after another in our appeals for loans. Besides, the fire marshal of Alhambra, working under a recently accepted strict code, laid down a large number of requirements to bring the main building within the legal restrictions for homes for the aged in the city, even though the property was passed by the State marshal. Your officers were sorely tried. There were many doubts and questions that had to be answered. Everything was being done on faith; faith that God would show a way if this was His will. And then He did; by January 1, 1947, the final payment was made to Mr. Jebbia and the property was turned over to your board on January 6, 1947.

The cost of the property and the anticipated expenses in bringing the property into usable condition for the operation of the home are:

Cost Price to Synod of the Dominic Jebbia Estate	$75,000.00
Anticipated cost of repairs	10,000.00
Anticipated cost of furnishings	10,000.00
Total	$95,000.00

It is anticipated that all of the above amount will be underwritten, or in cash by the time of the Convention of Synod. An expression of appreciation should be given to the following for gifts to the home: Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Noel, $1,000; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tapp, $1,000; the Mary and Martha Society of First, Oakland, $500; a memorial from Dr. E. A. Trabert for his beloved wife, $25; a memorial from the Wieman family for Miss Elizabeth Miller, $125 and the Synodical W. M. S., $300. Many other gifts will be available after January 1, 1947.

There is, on the property, a twenty-five thousand dollar trust deed for five years, at 4% interest, with the privilege of paying $5,000 on any interest date annually. Besides this amount, Synod has made the following loans; from the First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, $10,000 at 3% interest; from Mr. R. Fray of Beverly Hills, $5,000 at 3% interest; and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Noel, $2000 at 3% interest.

The La Crescenta property has been sold for $10,000, $5,000 has been received in cash and the balance on a two-year trust deed at 5% interest, payable $2,500 annually.

The Jebbia Estate was originally the mansion and estate of Mr. James J. Hill, and it consists of six and one half acres, upon which are located a 19 room mansion, a 6 room gate house, a two car garage and utility building, a barbecue house, a paved tennis court, horse shoe pits, bowling course and many other interesting features. There are trees and shrubs of many varieties, as well as rolling lawns. An appraisal of the property alone is in excess of $100,000.

As your board closes its report, it wishes to return thanks unto Almighty God who has made all of this possible, and it further wishes to place before Synod the appeal of the home both for the support of its regular budget and the retirement of its indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board for the Home for the Aged

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on The President's Report was presented by the Rev. J. Benner Weaver. It was adopted.

The Supplementary Report of the Executive Committee was again brought up for consideration. The motion prevailed that the matter of an increase in the salary of the statistician be referred to the Executive Committee with the suggestion that the Committee give consideration to making a special grant to this officer for his past year's work.

The Report as a whole was adopted.

The motion prevailed that Dr. Hoick be permitted to make clear the inference in the Constitution regarding the status of retired pastors.

The motion prevailed that Article Four, Section Seven of the By-Laws of the Constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California be referred to the Committee on the Constitution for revision.

The following men were elected for 1947:

Secretary—The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert
Treasurer—Mr. Carl A. Bell
Statistician—The Rev. Henry Scherer
Historian—The Rev. Edward J. Hoick, D.D.
Archivist—The Rev. Edward J. Hoick, D.D.

Executive Committee:
Wm. B. Scheehl
Fritz Noel

Home Missions Committee:
The Rev. Robert S. Romeis
Fritz Bowman

Midland College Trustee:
The Rev. A. B. Schwertz

Board for the Home for the Aged:
The Rev. H. Paul Romeis
Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl
Mr. F. J. Bowman

The Secretary of Synod presented the following report:

MEETING OF THE MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met on Wednesday, January 29th and Thursday, January 30th, 1947. The following actions were taken:

The report of the Examining Committee was accepted.

The following were approved for reception into Synod:

The Rev. Theodore A. Youngquist
The Rev. Elwood Schwenk
The Rev. Edward Mattson
The Rev. Louis Mertz
The Rev. H. E. Hamme
The Rev. W. J. Forsyth
The Rev. F. Bartelt
The Rev. Lloyd L. Jacobsen
The Rev. Glen O. Balsley
The Rev. David Robeson
The Rev. Gerald Strickler

Your Committee further recommends that the Rev. Arthur Hormann, Ph.D., the Rev. Quentin Garman and the Rev. Dwight L. Miley be received into Synod upon the reception of required papers.

The motion prevailed that the Executive Committee of Synod be empowered to arrange for the ordination and reception of new men upon the recommendation of the Examining Committee.

The motion prevailed that the Special Committee to be appointed by the President in accordance with the action taken by Synod on Wednesday, January 29th, be instructed to make a report on the matter under consideration to a joint meeting of the Examining and Executive Committees who shall have power to act.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

THE REV. PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary.

The Report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the place of meeting for the next Convention of Synod be referred to the Executive Committee for action.

The officers elected for the year 1947 were installed by President Beasom.

The fifty-sixth annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California was officially closed by the President by the use of the prescribed Order.

The minutes of the sixth session were approved by the Executive Committee of Synod at a special meeting held in First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, on January 30, 1947.

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR., D.D., President
PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the Minutes of the Fifty-sixth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, held in Hollywood Lutheran Church, Hollywood, California, January 27, 28, 29, 30, 1947.

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — NORTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning January 1, 1947

Apportionment rate $5.00 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Berkeley	St. Michael's	Alcatraz and Benvenue	202	$ 84	$ 1,008
Fresno	First	630 Ferger Avenue	225	94	1,128
Fresno	St. Paul's	California St. and Lotus St.	145	60	720
Fresno	Wartburg	Ventura Ave. and D St.	37	11	132
*Honolulu	Honolulu	448 So. Beretania	101	42	504
*Lihue	Lihue		28	12	144
Oakland	First English	16th and Grove	238	118	1,416
Oakland	St. John's	55th Ave. and Edgerly St.	110	46	552
Richmond	Grace	Barrett Ave. and 13th St.	340	142	1,704
*Richmond	St. James	1331 Panhandle Blvd.	35	10	120
Sacramento	First English	2910 39th St.	248	103	1,236
Sacramento	St. John's	1701 L St.	503	210	2,520
Sacramento	St. Paul's	5th Ave. and 59th St.	41	17	204
San Francisco	First English	380 18th Avenue	68	28	336
San Francisco	St. Mark's	1135 O'Farrell St.	385	160	1,920
San Francisco	St. Matthew's	3281 16th St.	132	55	660
San Francisco	Temple	15 Latona St.	70	29	348
Sanger	St. Paul's	1128 "N" St.	35	10	120
San Jose	Grace	59 E. Julian St.	166	69	828
San Mateo	St. Andrew's	100 N. Ellsworth	95	40	480
Vallejo	St. Paul's	1309 Tuolumne St.	85	35	420
TOTALS FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA			3334	$1,375	$16,500

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

For the Year Beginning January 1, 1947

Apportionment rate $5.00 per capita

Parish	Church	Location	Comm. Members	Per Month	Total
Alhambra	Grace	433 No. Atlantic Blvd.	301	$ 125	$ 1,500
Altadena	Altadena	197 W. Foothill Blvd.	104	43	516
Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	100 N. Doheny Drive	226	94	1,128
*Burbank	Luther Memorial	Women's Club—Olive Ave. and 7th St.	85	35	420
Culver City	Grace	Overland and Franklin Aves.	50	21	252
Gardena	St. John's	1102 West 163rd St.	115	48	576
Glendale	First	233 So. Kenwood St.	802	334	4,008
Hollywood	Hollywood	1733 N. New Hampshire	754	314	3,768
Huntington Park	St. Luke's	2721 E. Florence Ave.	314	131	1,572
Inglewood	Holy Trinity	8406 S. Crenshaw Dr.	260	108	1,296
Long Beach	Faith	3040 Santa Fe Ave.	73	30	360
Long Beach	Trinity	759 Linden	311	130	1,560
Los Angeles	Advent	1329 S. Alvarado St.	249	104	1,248
Los Angeles	Bethany	7011 S. San Pedro	140	58	696
Los Angeles	First English	3119 West 6th St.	570	238	2,856
Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1122 W. 36th Place	193	80	960
Los Angeles	St. Paul's	3010 Eagle St.	63	26	312
North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	315	131	1,572
Pasadena	Trinity	997 E. Walnut	350	146	1,752
Phoenix	Faith	801 East Camelback Road	104	43	516
Phoenix	Grace	1124 North 3rd St.	573	239	2,868
Redlands	First	East Olive at Myrtle	90	38	456
Riverside	Trinity	9th and Walnut St.	150	63	756
San Bernardino	First	631 G Street	202	84	1,008
San Diego	First	1320 Second Ave.	320	133	1,596
*San Diego	St. Peter's	Adair and Sunset Cliffs Blvd.	63	26	312
Santa Barbara	Grace	1109 Anacapa	101	42	504
Santa Monica	St. Paul's	958 Lincoln	314	131	1,572
Tucson	Our Saviour's	1919 E. Silver St.	122	51	612
Westwood	Village	343 Sepulveda Blvd.	69	29	348
*Whittier	Salem	128 S. Greenleaf	58	24	288
TOTALS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA			7441	$3,099	$37,188
TOTALS FOR SYNOD			10,775	$4,474	$53,688

* New Congregations

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946, TABLE 1—Continued

	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	ADDRESS: COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1946	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	CONFIRMED: Number of Members	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	COMMUNING: Number of Members	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
									14			15			16			
1	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	6409 Benvenue Ave.	Alameda	∅	Arthur C. Knudten	E	468	45		283	27		202	27		1
2	Fresno	First	1917	630 Ferger Ave.	Fresno	△	Charles A Miley	E	495	41		332	24		225			2
3	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	2112 Lotus Ave.	Fresno	△	August S. Claus	EG	526		115	442		29	145	7		3
4	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	561 "D" St.	Fresno	△	John C. Bitter	EG	208	4		182		1	37			4
5	Honolulu	Honolulu	1900	448 So. Beretania, Honolulu 43	Honolulu	∅	H. Edward Hamme	E	245	245		187	187		101	101		5*
6	Lihue	Lihue	1883	Lihue	Kauai	○	Dr. Arthur Hormann	E	68	68		45	45		28	28		6*
7	Oakland	First	1890	659 16th St. (Zone 12)	Alameda	∅	H. Paul Romeis	E	560	66		416	45		283	20		7
8	Oakland	St. John's	1921	1820 55th Ave.	Alameda	∅	Phillip W. Bergstresser	E	235	20		154	15		110	9		8
9	Richmond	Grace	1924	513 13th St.	Contra Costa	∅	Milus W. Bonker	E	646	26		413		55	340	90		9
10	Richmond	St. James	1946	1331 Panhandle Blvd.	Contra Costa	∅	Fred H. Bartelt, Jr.	E	96	96		69	69		35	35		10*
11	Sacramento	First English	1889	2910 39th St.	Sacramento	∅	Paul H. Wolpert	E	459	52		324	37		248	37		11
12	Sacramento	St. John's	1867	1701 "L" St.	Sacramento	∅	Robert S. Romeis	E	916	123		641	75		503	63		12
13	Sacramento	St. Paul's	1945	5th Ave. and 59th St.	Sacramento	∅	T. A. Youngquist	E	84	7		45		5	41	26		13
14	San Francisco	First English	1885	380 18th Ave.	San Francisco	∅	Dwight L. Miley	E	233	4		128	4		68	4		14
15	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell St.	San Francisco	∅	J. George Dorn	E	940	82		661	53		385	40		15
16	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1895	3281 16th St.	San Francisco	∅	Herman Lucas	EG	427	16		222	8		132	6		16
17	San Francisco	Temple	1917	15 Latona St. (Zone 24)	San Francisco	∅	Eldon R. Miller	E	180	70		130	65		70	24		17
18	Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1128 "N" St.	Fresno	○	J. S. Herold	EG	165	9		126	4		35	5		18
19	San Jose	Grace	1892	59 East Julian St.	Santa Clara	△	Harold J. Lorimer	E	378	36		246	31		166	40		19
20	San Mateo	St. Andrews'	1944	100 N. Ellsworth	San Mateo	△	E. Dale Click	E	184	7		128	6		95	2		20
21	Vallejo	St. Paul's	1943	1309 Tuolumne St.	Solano	△	Glen O. Balsley	E	221	30		124	16		85		1	21
	1946 Totals	Congregations 21					Pastors 30		7734	1047	115	5298	717	90	3334	564	1	1946
	1945 Totals	Congregations 18					Pastors 18		6802	727	213	4671	510	101	2771	317	47	1945
	Increase	3					12		932	320		627	207		563	147		Inc.
	Decrease										98			11			46	Dec.

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MEMBERSHIP

Index Number	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	CHILD MEMBERS Accessions: By Baptism 1	Accessions: By Certificate	Accessions: Total A	Losses: Trans. by Confirm. 3	Losses: By Death 4	Losses: By Certificate 5	Losses: By Dismissal 6	Losses: Total B	Gain or Loss: Net Gain	Gain or Loss: Net Loss	ADULT MEMBERS Accessions: By Baptism 7	Accessions: By Confirm. 8	Accessions: By Certificate 9	Accessions: By Restoration 10	Accessions: Total C	Losses: By Death 11	Losses: By Certificate 12	Losses: By Dismissal 13	Losses: Total D
1	468	283	202	13	10	23	5				5	18		2	17	20	10	49	2	9	11	22
2	495	332	225	17	19	36	12		7		19	17		3	15	12	6	36	2	10		12
3	526	442	145	14		14	7			93	100		86		7	4		11	18		22	40
4	208	182	37	9		9	4				4	5			4			4	1	4		5
*5	245	187	101	36	22	58						58		17	70	88	12	187				
*6	68	45	28	14	9	23						23		2	22	18	3	45				
7	560	416	283	15	10	25			6		6	19		5	2	41	10	58	4	7		11
8	235	154	110	5	2	7	1		1		2	5			5	7	6	18	2	1		3
9	646	413	340	49	40	89	8				8	81		10	24	79	45	158	4	17	192	213
*10	96	69	35	5	25	30		1		2	3	27		2	9	61		72			3	3
11	459	324	248	28	6	34	6	1	4	8	19	15		12	27	7	5	51		4	10	14
12	916	641	503	49	10	59	3		8	4	15	44		21	23	54	19	117	7	12	19	38
13	84	45	41	21	11	32	2			18	20	12		8	22	3		33		2	36	38
14	233	128	68	5	2	7	3		4		7				3	4	1	8		4		4
15	940	661	385	24	5	29						29		9	24	47	43	123	6	34	30	70
16	427	222	132	16	4	20	7		2	3	12	8			7	6		13	4		1	5
17	180	130	70	13		13	8				8	5		2	25	7	34	68			3	3
18	165	126	35	5		5						5					6	6	2			2
19	378	246	166	19	5	24		1		18	19	5		4	14	14	6	38	1	2	4	7
20	184	128	95	8	10	18			17		17	1			4	16	2	22		16		16
21	221	124	85	22	11	33	2		6	11	19	14		1	26	18		45	1	28		29
1946	7,734	5,298	3,334	387	201	588	68	3	55	157	283	391	86	98	350	506	208	1,162	54	150	331	535
1945	6,802	4,671	2,771	258	186	444	113	1	30	195	339	225	120	70	251	263	229	813	55	101	248	404
Inc.	932	627	563	129	15	144		2	25			166		28	99	243		349		49	83	131
Dec.							45			38	56		34				21		1			

EDUCATION

Index Number	PARISH Sunday Schools: Number 17	Sunday Schools: Staff Members 18	Sunday Schools: In Sund. School 19	Sunday Schools: In Home Dept. 20	Sunday Schools: Cradle Roll 21	Weekday Schools: Number 22	Weekday Schools: Teachers 23	Weekday Schools: Pupils 24	Children of Church: Leaders 25	Children of Church: Pupils 26	Number of Catechumens 27	HIGHER In Lutheran Seminaries 28	In Lutheran Motherhouses 29	In Other Luth. Insts. 30	In Non-Luth. Insts. 31	Index Number
1	1	11	80		8	1	10	52			19				10	1
2	1	22	142		43	1	14	98			42			1	7	2
3	1	10	72								7					3
4	1	4	40								4					4
*5	1	12	88								87				3	5
*6	1	5	20								24					6
7	1	22	145		31				3	30	10				12	7
8	1	13	68		26						14				3	8
9	1	25	195			1	12	110			47			2	10	9
*10	1	6	40		10						9				2	10*
11	1	18	213		28	1	11	144			39			1	5	11
12	1	23	136		30	1	8	52			61		1		16	12
13	1	7	90		10						36					13
14	1	4	18								4				2	14
15	1	20	110		75						33	1			15	15
16	1	6	68	59	54						11				5	16
17	1	7	72								34					17
18	1	4	31								4				4	18
19	1	10	86	11	24				2	22	18				12	19
20	1	12	71		9						16				5	20
21	1	12	120		16	1	6	46			34					21
1946	21	253	1,905	70	364	6	61	502	5	52	553	1	1	4	111	1946
1945	18	204	1,581		251	3	34	230	3	26	416	1	1	1	53	1945
Inc.	3	49	324	70	113	3	27	272	2	26	137			3	58	Inc.
Dec.																Dec.

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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS								FINANCIAL																				Index Number
	Men's		Womn's		Mixed		Y. People		VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY							Congregational Expenses			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE										
																			UNAPPORTIONED						APPORTIONED				
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55		56	57	58	
1	1	18	1	30	1	20	2	22	12,500	12,500	6,000	...	625	31,625	8,400	6,667	1,083	7,750	225	477	42	80	722	1,546	876	876	2,422	10,172	1
2	1	28	2	70	...	...	2	36	13,500	4,500	4,000	...	1,405	23,405	2,457	6,801	2,130	8,931	350	...	50	70	1,055	1,525	1,128	1,128	2,653	11,584	2
3	1	21	2	118	...	...	1	16	5,000	4,000	4,000	...	...	13,000	...	4,050	2,000	6,050	75	...	...	...	1,260	1,335	696	715	2,050	8,100	3
4	...	...	1	40	...	...	1	20	7,000	...	...	...	...	7,000	...	2,203	200	2,403	...	...	...	...	295	295	132	202	497	2,900	4
*5	...	...	1	24	1	32	...	...	87,000	35,000	...	21,800	2,000	145,800	14,300	5,000	1,000	6,000	...	...	...	...	342	342	...	201	543	6,543	5*
*6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,000	...	...	...	...	15,000	...	600	...	600	...	...	...	...	86	86	...	51	137	737	6*
7	...	...	2	145	1	26	1	20	12,000	...	4,000	...	...	16,000	1,050	8,085	4,114	12,199	559	222	150	703	2,465	4,099	1,320	1,341	5,440	17,639	7
8	...	...	2	62	...	...	1	12	10,000	...	2,000	...	...	12,000	900	3,085	488	3,573	...	188	...	...	609	797	504	504	1,301	4,874	8
9	1	25	2	50	1	25	3	55	25,000	7,500	...	...	1,650	34,150	5,500	12,183	1,921	14,104	15	193	201	138	2,042	2,589	1,248	1,412	4,001	18,105	9
10	...	...	1	10	1	18	...	...	...	8,000	...	...	3,000	11,000	11,000	199	115	314	...	...	...	10	...	10	...	...	10	324	10*
11	1	22	5	74	...	...	1	17	26,000	...	5,500	...	1,583	33,083	...	5,896	4,375	10,271	200	7	...	...	1,706	1,913	1,056	1,090	3,003	13,274	11
12	1	15	3	115	1	40	3	46	120,000	8,000	...	500	30,708	159,208	...	11,618	542	12,160	300	50	100	...	3,774	4,224	2,196	2,196	6,420	18,580	12
13	1	12	1	14	...	...	2	21	4,000	7,500	...	...	...	11,500	10,525	1,020	1,556	2,576	23	...	...	29	165	217	72	145	362	2,938	13
14	...	...	2	22	...	...	...	...	...	13,000	...	...	37,000	50,000	...	2,315	11,000	13,315	...	...	...	...	161	161	324	324	485	13,800	14
15	1	25	3	135	1	30	2	65	150,000	...	...	75,000	20,000	245,000	...	16,849	8,818	25,667	336	121	5	1664	3,559	5,685	1,728	1,728	7,413	33,080	15
16	1	8	3	74	1	12	2	36	36,000	...	...	...	...	36,000	...	5,582	3,490	9,072	35	...	...	110	1,000	1,145	636	637	1,782	10,854	16
17	...	...	1	15	...	...	1	12	9,000	8,000	...	...	...	17,000	650	2,976	1,479	4,455	120	...	...	...	347	467	228	228	695	5,150	17
18	...	...	1	30	...	...	...	...	4,000	2,000	...	...	...	6,000	...	1,670	885	2,555	...	...	...	...	208	208	156	156	364	2,191	18
19	1	32	6	95	1	24	1	33	40,000	9,000	...	...	...	49,000	2,600	4,181	1,829	6,010	105	214	87	95	450	951	636	636	1,587	7,597	19
20	1	12	1	28	...	...	1	32	...	8,250	...	...	8,653	16,903	16,000	3,052	2,494	5,546	...	...	...	...	242	242	468	475	717	6,263	20
21	1	14	3	70	...	...	1	8	4,000	8,000	...	...	6,191	18,191	11,400	2,802	275	3,077	11	59	16	...	336	422	432	432	854	3,931	21
946	12	232	43	1221	9	227	25	451	580,000	135,250	25,500	97,300	112,815	950,865	84,782	106,834	49,794	156,628	2354	1531	651	2899	20,824	28,259	13,836	14,477	42,736	199,364	1946
945	11	219	41	1108	4	73	21	343	380,500	49,000	21,050	76,856	95,306	622,712	39,142	84,197	25,587	109,784	3775	681	183	1913	8,168	14,720	11,269	11,729	26,449	136,232	1945
nc.	1	13	2	103	5	154	4	108	199,500	86,250	4,450	20,444	17,509	328,153	45,640	22,637	24,207	46,844	...	750	468	986	12,656	13,539	2,567	2,748	16,287	63,132	Inc.
Dec.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1421	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec.

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Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	ADDRESS: COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1946	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members 14	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: CONFIRMED: Number of Members 15	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: COMMUNING: Number of Members 16	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
22	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 No. Atlantic Blvd.	Los Angeles	△	Robert J. Marshall	E	563		167	432		14	301	57		22
23	Altadena	Altadena	1944	197 West Foothill Blvd.	Los Angeles	△	George N. Thompson	E	195	11		127	5		104	31		23
24	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive	Los Angeles	∅	Guy L. Hudson	E	447	30		323	16		226	7		24
*25	Burbank	Luther Memorial	1946	Women's Club, Olive Ave. & 7th St.	Los Angeles	△	L. A. Failing	E	155	155		114	114		85	85		25*
26	Culver City	Grace	1945	Overland & Franklin Aves.	Los Angeles	□	Frederick K. Wentz	E	123	12		80	14		50	14		26
27	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 W. 163rd St.	Los Angeles	○	J. Emory Ackerman	E	212	16		148	14		115	19		27
28	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St.	Los Angeles	△	Carl V. Tambert	E	1218		160	1033		85	802	144		28
29	Hollywood	Hollywood	1921	1722 No. New Hampshire Ave.	Los Angeles	∅	Robert D. Kerstetter	E	1588	206		1123	138		754	106		29
30	Huntington Park	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave.	Los Angeles	△	Charles P. Smith	E	642		3	450	11		314	13		30
31	Inglewood	Holy Trinity	1941	8406 S. Crenshaw Drive	Los Angeles	△	J. Benner Weaver	E	476	93		323	54		260	54		31
32	Long Beach	Faith	1945	3040 Santa Fe Ave.	Los Angeles	∅	Donald E. Wagner	E	167	59		105	30		73	22		32
33	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	759 Linden	Los Angeles	∅	Orval Awerkamp	E	731	122		505	103		311	40		33
34	Los Angeles	Advent	1886	1329 S. Alvarado St.	Los Angeles	∅	Henry Scherer	E	459	63		322	53		249	86		34
35	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro	Los Angeles	∅	Henry Irving Kohler	E	620	17		363	10		140		35	35
36	Los Angeles	First English	1887	3119 West Sixth St.	Los Angeles	∅	Albert B. Schwertz	E	1219	215		953	166		570	111		36
37	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place	Los Angeles	∅	John B. Nield	E	397	39		318	26		193	32		37
38	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1914	3010 Eagle St.	Los Angeles	∅	Clarence F. Crouser	E	104	42		72	28		63	23		38
39	North Hollywood	St. Mathew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	Los Angeles	∅	Edward N. Spirer	E	861	128		535	82		315	29		39
40	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	997 E. Walnut St.	Los Angeles	∅	Howard A. Anspach	E	689	57		520	40		350	26		40
41	Phoenix	Faith	1945	801 East Camelback Road	Maricopa	∅	Donald W. Endter	E	180	52		130	36		104	33		41
42	Phoenix	Grace	1914	1124 North Third St.	Maricopa	∅	H. C. Lindsay	E	1161	143		765	93		573		27	42
43	Redlands	First	1901	East Olive at Myrtle	San Bernardino	□	Paul E. Keck	E	157		6	121	12		90			43
44	Riverside	Trinity	1892	9th and Walnut Sts.	Riverside	△	F. W. Heinecken	E	234		4	184	63		150	70		44
45	San Bernardino	First	1907	631 G. Street	San Bernardino	△	Arthur W. Alm	E	549	45		378	39		202	31		45
46	San Diego	First	1888	1320 Second Ave.	San Diego	∅	Erwin A Vosseler	E	735		130	550		35	320	10		46
*47	San Diego	St. Peter's	1946	Adair & Sunset Cliffs Blvd	San Diego	∅	Earl J. Johnson	E	125	125		73	73		63	63		47*
48	Santa Barbara	Grace	1904	1109 Anacapa	Santa Barbara	△	George A Spindt	E	165	36		118	28		101	36		48
49	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	958 Lincoln Blvd.	Los Angeles	△	Clifford B. Holand	E	812	122		519	90		314	39		49
50	Tucson	Our Saviour's	1945	1919 E. Silver St.	Pima	△	Titus R. Scholl	E	197	85		169	76		122	50		50
51	Westwood	Village	1937	343 Sepulveda Blvd.	Los Angeles	△	A. J. Soldan	E	223	15		124	5		69		5	51
*52	Whittier	Salem	1946	(Temporary) 128 S. Greenleaf	Los Angeles	□	David E. Robison	E	105	105		124	73		58	58		52*
	1946 Totals	Congregations 31.					Pastors 64		15509	1993	470	11050	1492	134	7441	1289	67	1946
	1945 Totals	Congregations 28.					Pastors 29		13986	1739	100	9692	1235	61	6219	1008	1	1945
	Increase	3.					35		1523	254	370	1358	257	73	1222	281	66	Inc.
	Decrease																	Dec

* New Congregations ∅ 100,000 or over △ 25,000 to 99,999 □ 10,000 to 24,999 ○ 2,500 to 9,999

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MEMBERSHIP			CHILD MEMBERS										ADULT MEMBERS									EDUCATION: PARISH											EDUCATION: HIGHER				
			Accessions			Losses					Gain or Loss		Accessions					Losses				Sunday Schools					Weekday Schools			Children of Church							
Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	By Baptism 1	By Certificate 2	Total A	Trans. by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissl 6	Total B	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismisl 13	Total D	Nmber 17	Staff Mmbrs 18	In Sund School 19	In Hme Dept. 20	Cradle Roll 21	Number 22	Teachers 23	Pupils 24	Leaders 25	Pupils 26	Number of Catechumens 27	In Lutheran Seminaries 28	In Lutheran Motherhouses 29	In Other Luth. Insts. 30	In Non-Luth. Insts. 31	Index Number
563	432	301	23	14	37	3		5	182	190		153	3	13	46	12	74	11	17	60	88	1	36	166	20	41	1	11	66			21			1	19	22
195	127	104	7	8	15	3	1	1	3	9	6		1	17	14		32	1	5	21	27	1	11	160		23						18					23
447	323	226	10	9	19	3			3	5	14		5	9	5	24	43	1	5	21	27	1	14	131		28						14				9	24
155	114	85	5	36	41							41	3	22	90		115	1			1	1	4	31		4						25				2	25*
123	80	50	11	5	16	10			8	18		2		12	8	2	22		1	7	8	1	9	110								16			1		26
212	148	115	13	7	20	2		9	7	18	2		3	6	20	4	33		14	5	19	1	14	151	3	21	1	8	60			15				5	27
1,218	1,033	802	50	26	76	4		11	136	151		75	8	46	50	25	129	12	55	147	214	1	38	425		131	1	18	120			81	1		9	21	28
1,588	1,123	754	55	36	91	12	1	8	2	23	68		10	42	83	65	200	10	38	14	62	1	34	325	25	85	1	1	40	1	35	152	1	1		30	29
642	450	314	14	5	19	5			28	33		14	1	16	14	10	41	2	13	15	30	1	17	149	28	48	1	5	30	2	23	21				8	30
476	323	260	24	23	47	5		3		8	39		5	10	27	28	70		16		16	1	15	160		58						15				2	31
167	105	73	12	19	31	2				2	29		1	13	10	6	30					1	9	120								15					32
731	505	311	23	20	43	9		5	10	24	19		6	9	123		138	2	33		35	1	20	196				8	70			15				3	33
459	322	249	15	17	32	8		1	13	22	10		7	15	60	21	103	7	9	34	50	1	22	119		20			2			76				9	34
620	363	140	14	10	24	8		3	6	17	7			8	10	7	25	1	9	5	15	1	12	100		15				3	50	10				3	35
1,219	953	570	55	10	65	10		6		16	49		5	40	156		201	12	23		35	1	25	150		30						45			4	6	36
397	318	193	14		14		1			1	13			4	23		27	1			1	1	10	100		12						4					37
104	72	63	5	9	14						14		1	4	12	12	29		1		1	1	8	51	3	19						5				4	38
861	535	315	48	11	59	5			8	13	46		7	16	38	51	112	7	13	10	30	1	28	315						2	18	14				11	39
689	520	350	19	5	24	6			1	7	17		9	10	30	17	66	2	4	20	26	1	18	228		64	1	12	69			26				14	40
180	130	104	9	10	19	1		2		3	16		2	16	23		41		5		5	1	25	173	8	14						30				5	41
1,161	765	573	41	54	95	11		2	32	45	50		8	23	157	24	212	5	14	100	119	1	39	375	10	73						48				15	42
157	121	90	7	2	9		1		26	27		18	1	9	7		17	1	4		5	1	10	46								3				3	43
234	184	150	6	10	16				82	82		66	7	8	48		63					1	12	60		10	1	5	30							5	44
549	378	202	17		17	11				11	6		5	12	31	2	50	2	9		11	1	18	100			2	5	73	3	40	30				8	45
735	550	320	33	10	43	3		8	127	138		95	3	18	90	4	115	4	54	92	150	1	16	115	25	75				5	28	8			4	9	46
125	73	63	12	40	52						52		2	65	6		73					1	11	102		12						75				1	47*
165	118	101	7	4	11	3				3	8			1	4	26	31	2		1	3	1	7	50		14	1	4	24	1		24			1	5	48
812	519	314	53		53	9		10	2	21	32		12	17	62	20	111	2	10	9	21	1	19	220								39				6	49
197	169	122	1	16	17	6		3		9	8			15	65		80		4		4	1	9	85		4						15	1			3	50
223	124	69	11	3	14				4	4	10		3		12	4	19	4	10		14																51
105	124	58	8	24	32						32		3	5	44	24	76		3		3	1	8	62		12						13					52*
15,509	11,050	7,441	622	443	1,065	139	4	77	680	900	588	423	121	501	1,368	388	2,378	90	369	561	1,020	30	518	4,575	122	813	11	76	584	17	194	873	3	1	20	208	1946
13,986	9,692	6,219	568	323	891	119	11	114	182	426	555	90	99	276	994	458	1,827	92	284	277	653	28	452	3,786	92	750	11	72	605	24	183	673	3	1	5	109	1945
1,523	1,358	1,222	54	120	174	20			498	474	33	333	22	225	374		551		85	284	367	2	66	789	30	63		4			11	200			15	99	Inc.
							7	37								70		2											21	7							Dec.

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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS: Men's Number	Men's Members	Womn's Number	Womn's Members	Mixed Number	Mixed Members	Y. People Number	Y. People Members	FINANCIAL: VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY: Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE: UNAPPORTIONED: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	APPORTIONED: Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	Index Number
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56		57	58	
22	1	45	1	51	1	28	2	54	25,000	Rent			5,239	30,239		6,667		6,667		29	100	99	1,438	1,666	1,224	1,224	2,890	9,557	22
23	1	16	1				1	12		8,500			3,500	12,000	9,500	4,445	325	4,770	25	67	25	27	455	599	360	400	999	5,769	23
24	1	34		38					17,500				7,500	25,000		5,661	3,346	9,007		794		100		894	1,092	1,092	1,986	10,993	24
*25			3	36						10,500			4,500	15,000	15,000	840	25	865					30	30		109	139	1,004	25*
26			1	12			1	10					4,000	4,000	2,500	1,118	448	1,566		5			236	241	180	185	426	1,992	26
27	1	12	1	26			1	15	15,000					15,000		3,430	1,965	5,395		9			576	585	480	490	1,075	6,470	27
28	1	110	2	185	2	110	3	95	30,000	11,800	7,429		27,788	77,017		20,131	8,087	28,218	1581	619	817	2667	6,034	11,718	3,288	3,600	15,318	43,536	28
29	1	75	3	185	2	90	3	62	64,000		10,000		22,500	96,500		15,301	10,218	25,519	397	264	225	1928	5,766	8,580	3,240	3,892	12,472	37,991	29
30	1	32	3	107	1	21	2	14	13,950		1,000		20,112	35,062		7,765	1,800	9,565	16	5	24	120	1,161	1,326	1,500	1,590	2,916	12,481	30
31	1	45	1	50	2	110	2	40	27,000				9,990	36,990	1,000	6,840	470	7,310					892	892	1,632	1,036	1,928	9,238	31
32	1	10	1	14					15,000	10,000				25,000	14,700	2,595	546	3,141					306	306	252	266	572	3,713	32
33			3	130	1	25	1	25	75,000					75,000		10,348	5,017	15,365		100	100	25	1,628	1,853	1,356	1,356	3,209	18,574	33
34	1	14	3	61	3	82	1	15	25,500	9,500			371	35,371	14,960	9,100	2,206	11,306	425	260	385	276	4,141	5,487	816	840	6,327	17,633	34
35	1	15	3	25			1	15	20,000					20,000		2,900	3,736	6,636		147		25	350	522	876	876	1,398	8,034	35
36	1	30	3	140	1	36	2	50	87,000	30,000		6,000		123,000		29,927	5,194	35,121	1200	1867	200	3000	4,036	10,303	2,292	2,292	12,595	47,716	36
37	1	35	3	77			1	15	27,000					27,000		5,914	1,790	7,704	50		310		1,000	1,360	804	804	2,164	9,868	37
38			2	31			2	43	30,000	12,000				42,000	14,175	2,302		2,302					41	41	204	204	245	2,547	38
39	1	40	3	68	1	30	4	142	34,000					34,000		8,000	840	8,840	10	25	85	20	2,418	2,558	1,428	1,428	3,986	12,826	39
40	1	75	2	97			2	40	50,000				27,824	77,824	2,500	11,183		11,183	89		100	108	3,850	4,147	1,620	1,620	5,767	16,950	40
41			1	45	1	30	2	36	60,000	10,000			10,000	80,000	43,363	3,629	2,990	6,619	125		174		785	1,084	360	360	1,444	8,063	41
42	1	80	2	260	1	40	2	53	36,100	6,000		2,761		44,861	4,588	14,535	1,008	15,543		65	1471	20	1,921	3,477	3,000	3,000	6,477	22,020	42
43			1	26			1	15	10,000	1,800			900	12,700		2,369	772	3,141					540	540	456	470	1,010	4,151	43
44	1	35	3	60			1	50	15,000	4,000	5,000			24,000		4,559	6,349	10,908					480	480	396	396	876	11,784	44
45			2	90	1	30	3	60	8,500	6,000				14,500	4,500	5,525	842	6,367	120	52		500	1,111	1,783	852	852	2,635	9,002	45
46	1	15	2	70			1	20	35,000	10,000	20,000			65,000	15,000	7,090	6,993	14,083	457	354	171	55	1,433	2,470	1,548	2,132	4,602	18,685	46
*47							1	12	6,000	8,500			291	14,791	11,000	1,143	907	2,050								149	149	2,199	47*
48			1	45	1	14	1	12	30,000	4,000				34,000	3,375	3,517	5,935	9,452	50	21		10	548	629	324	397	1,026	10,478	48
49	1	17	2	110	1	25	1	15	65,000		5,000			70,000	42,000	10,170	3,556	13,726					1,606	1,606	1,380	1,692	3,298	17,024	49
50			1	27			1	25		12,000			3,500	15,500	11,050	2,514	450	2,964	270				704	974	360	360	1,334	4,298	50
51									40,000					40,000	9,500	4,369	153	4,522							372	294	294	4,816	51
*52			1	18					5,500	10,000			754	16,254	13,000	949	15	964					25	25		235	310	1,274	52*
1946	19	735	55	2084	19	671	43	945	867,050	164,600	48,429	8,761	148,769	1,237,609	231,711	214,836	75,983	290,819	4815	4683	4187	8980	43,511	66,176	31,092	33,691	99,867	390,686	1946
1945	16	534	55	1917	13	438	35	679	716,279	83,050	28,429	9,697	135,019	972,474	137,255	170,054	71,061	241,115	7998	6332	1860	2803	18,139	37,132	25,538	27,083	64,214	305,329	1945
Inc.	3	201		167	6	233	8	266	150,771	81,550	20,000		13,750	265,135	94,456	44,782	4,922	49,704			2327	6177	25,372	29,044	5,554	6,608	35,653	85,357	Inc.
Dec.												936							3183	1649									Dec.

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Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION				COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1946	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	CONFIRMED: Number of Members	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	COMMUNING: Number of Members	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
												14			15			16			
				Geographical Loc. of Church Bldg.				Total		Pastors											
				∅	△	□	○														
	North. Conference	Congregations, 21		13	6	.....	2	21		30		7,734	1,047	115	5,298	717	90	3,334	564	1	
	South. Conference	Congregations, 31		15	12	3	1	31		64		15,509	1,993	470	11,050	1,492	134	7,441	1,289	67	
	1946 Totals.....	Congregations, 52		28	18	3	3	52		94		23,243	3,040	585	16,348	2,209	224	10,775	1,853	68	1946
	1945 Totals.....	Congregations, 46		25	17	2	2	46		47		20,788	2,466	313	14,363	1,745	162	8,990	1,309	79	1945
	Increase.....	Congregations, 6		3	1	1	1	6		47		2,455	574	272	1,985	464	62	1,785	544	.....	Inc.
	Decrease	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	Dec.

SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES, TABLE 1—Continued

Index Number	MEMBERSHIP																								EDUCATION																	Index Number
				CHILD MEMBERS										ADULT MEMBERS											PARISH											HIGHER					
				Accessions			Losses					Gain or Loss		Accessions					Losses						Sunday Schools					Weekday Schools			Children of Church			In Lutheran Seminaries	In Lutheran Motherhouses	In Other Luth. Insts.	In Non-Luth. Insts.		
	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	By Baptism 1	By Certificate 2	Total A	Trans. by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissl 6	Total B	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismissl 13	Total D	Number 17	Staff Members 18	In Sund School 19	In Hme Dept. 20	Cradle Roll 21	Number 22	Teachrs 23	Pupils 24	Leaders 25	Pupils 26	Number of Catechumens 27	28	29	30	31		
No.	7,734	5,298	3,334	387	201	588	68	3	55	157	283	391	86	98	350	506	208	1162	54	150	331	535	21	253	1,905	70	364	6	61	502	5	52	553	1	1	4	111	No.	
So.	15,509	11,050	7,441	622	443	1,065	139	4	77	680	900	588	423	121	501	1,368	388	2378	90	369	561	1,020	30	518	4,575	122	813	11	76	584	17	194	873	3	2	20	208	So.	
1946	23,243	16,348	10775	1009	644	1,653	207	7	132	837	1183	979	509	219	851	1,874	596	3540	144	519	892	1,555	51	771	6,480	192	1177	17	137	1086	22	246	1426	4	2	24	319	1946	
1945	20,788	14,363	8,990	826	509	1,335	232	12	144	377	765	780	210	169	727	1,257	687	2640	147	385	525	1,057	46	656	5,376	92	1001	13	106	835	27	209	1089	4	1	6	162	1945	
Inc.	2,455	1,985	1,785	183	135	318	....	....	....	460	418	199	299	50	124	617	....	900	....	134	367	498	5	115	1,113	100	176	4	31	251	....	37	337	....	1	18	157	Inc.	
Dec.	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	5	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	91	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	Dec.	

SUMMARY, TABLE 1—Continued

Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS								FINANCIAL																				Index Number
	Men's		Womn's		Mixed		Y. People		VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY							Congregational Expenses			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE										
																			UNAPPORTIONED						APPORTIONED				
	Number 32	Members 33	Number 34	Members 35	Number 36	Members 37	Number 38	Members 39	Church Building 40	Parsonage 41	School and/or Parish House 42	Endowment 43	Other Property 44	Total Valuation 45	Indebtedness 46	Current 47	Unusual 48	Total 49	Education 50	Foreign Missions 51	American Missions 52	Social Missions 53	Other Benevolence 54	Total 55	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid 56	Total Benevolence 57	Total Expenditures 58	
No.	12	232	43	1221	9	227	25	451	580,000	135,250	25,800	97,300	112,815	951,165	84,782	106,834	49,974	156,428	2354	1531	651	2899	20,824	28,259	13,836	14,477	42,736	199,364	No.
So.	19	735	55	2084	19	671	43	945	867,050	164,600	48,429	8,761	148,769	1,237,609	231,711	214,836	75,983	290,819	4815	4683	4183	8980	43,511	66,176	31,092	33,691	99,867	390,686	So.
1946	31	967	98	3305	28	898	68	1396	1,447,050	299,850	74,229	106,061	261,584	2,188,774	316,493	321,670	125,777	447,247	7169	6214	4834	11879	64,335	94,435	44,928	48,168	142,603	590,050	1946
1945	27	753	96	3025	17	501	56	1022	1,096,779	132,050	49,479	86,553	230,325	1,595,186	176,397	254,251	96,648	350,899	11773	7013	2043	4716	26,307	51,852	36,807	38,812	90,664	441,563	1945
Inc.	4	214	2	280	11	397	12	374	350,271	167,800	24,750	19,508	31,259	593,588	140,096	67,419	29,129	96,348	....	1201	2791	7163	38,028	42,583	8,121	9,356	51,939	148,487	Inc.
Dec.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4604	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	Dec.

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of the

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Held in

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Hollywood, California

The REV. ROBERT D. KERSTETTER, Ph.D., Pastor

JANUARY 27, 28, 29, 1947

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Calif. Lutheran Home..Mrs. Charles S. Izenour, 617 N. Martel, Los Angeles 36
Mrs. W. B. Scheehl, 5924 Contra Costa Rd., Oakland 11
Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz, 3119-6th St., Los Angeles 5
Mrs. Fred Steinle, 1220 Viscano Dr., Glendale 11
Mrs. P. J. Marshall, 228 N. Almansor, Alhambra

1947 PRESIDENTS—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Berkeley, St. Michael's (Women of the Church)—Mrs. H. B. O'Brien, 935 Fresno Ave., Berkeley

Fresno, First (Friendship Circle)—Mrs. Leo S. Johnston, 3360 Lyell Ave., Fresno

Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle) Miss Margaret Vetter, 2047 Thomas Ave., Fresno

Oakland, First (Women of the Church)—Mrs. C. T. Gutleben, 4815 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland

Oakland, St. John's (Women's Miss. Soc.)—Mrs. Samuel Porter, 1502 55th Ave., Oakland 3

Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church-Day Gr.)—Mrs. Walter Hanson, 6019 Tulare Ave., Richmond

Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church-Evening Gr.)—Mrs. Milus Bonker, 579 35th St., Richmond

Richmond, St. James (Women of St. James Evan. Luth. Church)—Mrs. Martha McDonald, 5718 Burlingame Ave., Richmond (Annex)

Sacramento, First (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Julia A. Swanson, 2517 36th St., Sacramento 17

Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)—Mrs. Ida C. Gader, 3131 14th St., North Sacramento

Sacramento, St. John's (Mary E. Oehler Miss. Soc.)—Mrs. E. C. Hutchinson, 3501 35th St., Sacramento

Sacramento, St. Paul's (Pastor's Aid Society)—Mrs. Irene P. Mahaffey, 3246 Kroy Way, Sacramento

San Francisco, First English (Women's Guild)—Mrs. Clarence Picou, 1446 43rd Ave., San Francisco 22

San Francisco, St. Mark's (Women's Missionary Soc.-Day Group)—Mrs. H. M. Rist, 295 Howth St., San Francisco 12

San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S. Evening Group)—Miss Esther Ostergaard, c/o 1135 O'Farrell, San Fancisco 9

San Francisco, St. Matthew's (Women's Miss. Soc.)—Miss E. Stelling, 2700 A. Sutter St., San Francisco

San Francisco, Temple Lutheran (Women of the Church)—Mrs. C. E. Lemmon, 1238A Shafter Ave., San Francisco 24

San Jose, Grace (Missionary Women of the Church)—Mrs. Dorothy S. Nissen, 1598 Lincoln Ave., San Jose

San Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of St. Andrew's)—Mrs. Carl Ludvigsen, 1504 Cypress Ave., San Mateo

Vallejo, St. Paul's (Guild)—Mrs. J. P. Sandretto, 1109 Shasta St., Vallejo

1947 PRESIDENTS—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Alhambra, Grace (Women of the Church)—Mrs. B. C. Thorson, 828 S. 7th St., Alhambra

Altadena, Altadena Lutheran (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Charles Alexander, 459 W. Loma Alta Drive, Altadena

Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills Lutheran (Women of the Church)—Mrs. L. N. Chelson, 6057 Yucca St., Hollywood

Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills Lutheran (Elsa King Frey)—Lois Jacobson, 984 Palm Ave., Hollywood

Burbank, Luther Memorial (Women of the Church)—Mrs. L. A. Failing, 1627 Landis St., Burbank

Culver City, Grace (Ladies of Grace Lutheran)—Mrs. Alice Blix, 4175 La Salle Ave., Culver City

Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Emil Wickman, 15318 S. Casinice, Gardena

Glendale, First Lutheran (Women's Council of Christian Missions)—Mrs. E. H. Hollis, 116A Alameda, Glendale

Glendale, First Lutheran (Business and Professional Women)—Miss Barbara LaBoyteaux, 605 W. Hawthorne, Glendale 4

Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Earle R. Andrews, 1422 Sutherland St., Los Angeles

Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (Florence M. Welty)—Mrs. Guy R. Uplinger, 1755 N. New Hampshire, Los Angeles 27

Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Gospel Light)—Mrs. Carl Bell, 2844 Grand Ave., Huntington Park

Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Go Ye)—Lois Bell Huff, 2844 Grand Ave., Huntington Park

Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)—Mrs. Robert Marks, 8251 Park Circle, Inglewood

Long Beach, Faith (Women's Miss. Soc.)—Mrs. Alice Patrick, 2960 Canal Ave., Long Beach 6

Long Beach, Trinity (Women's Miss Soc.)—Mrs. O. Awerkamp, 4701 Colorado St., Long Beach 4

Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)—Mrs. C. N. Alm, 1543 W. 56th St., Los Angeles 37

Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas)—Miss Myrtle Broaten, 682 S. Kingsley Dr., Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eta Sigma)—Miss Dolores L. Alm, 1543 W. 56th St., Los Angeles 37

Los Angeles, Bethany (Cosmos)—Mrs. Vera Thomas, 630 E. 73rd St., Los Angeles 1

Los Angeles, Bethany (Bethany W. M. S.)—Mrs. E. N. Egge, 111 E. 77th St., Los Angeles 3

Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church-Day Group)—Mrs. C. L. Taylor, 633 S. Gramercy, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church-Evening Group)—Mrs. Howard C. Barth, 6375 Converse Ave., Los Angeles

Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Women's Miss. Soc.)—Mrs. W. E. Lebold, 843 W. 40th Place, Los Angeles 37

Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Hearts)—Mrs. Esther Holt, 1622 Ellsmere Ave., Los Angeles 35

Los Angeles, St. Paul's (Women's Miss. Soc. of St. Paul's)—Mrs. Orville Lyon, 225 N. Sierra Vista, Monterey Park

Norh Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Mena Spirer)—Mrs. Edward N. Spirer, 6616 Irvine Ave., North Hollywood

North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Faith)—Mrs. Mercie Finley, 1054 Spabier Ave., Glendale 1

Pasadena, Trinity (Women's Miss. Soc.)—Mrs. A. J. Spindt, 99 N. Roosevelt Ave., Pasadena 8

Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)—Mrs. E. L. Konow, Rt. 2, Box 301, Phoenix

Phoenix, Grace (John K. Reed)—Mrs. C. A. Craft, 1105 W. Latham St., Phoenix

Redlands, First (Women's Miss. Soc.)—Mrs. W. Opperman, 457 La Verne St., Redlands

Riverside, Trinity (Women's Miss. Guild)—Mrs. Ned Dripps, 6391 Palm Ave., Riverside

Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl Soc.)—Mrs. E. F. Crawford, 2801 4th St., Riverside

San Bernardino, First (Minnie L. Sandidge)—Mrs. Harriett H. Alwardt, 3171 "D" St., San Bernardino

San Bernardino, First (Emma Louise Alm)—Carol Hartman, 2661 Lugo, San Bernardino

San Diego, First (Women of the Church-Day Group)—Mrs. Geo. W. Wilson, 3852 4th Ave., Apt. 6, San Diego 3

San Diego, First (Women of the Church-Evening Group)—Mrs. Robert R. Jones, 3717 Fairmount Ave., San Diego 5

San Diego (Ocean Beach), St. Peter's-by-the-Sea (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Carl Nelson, 4617 Adair St., San Diego 7

Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of Grace Church)—Mrs. H. Hansen, 333 Mesa Lane, Santa Barbara

Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild and Miss. Soc.)—Mrs. W. W. Swoyer, 1325 Maple St., Santa Monica

Tucson, Our Saviour's (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Arthur L. Hansen, 1725 E. Blacklidge Dr., Tucson

W. Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)—Mrs. H. R. Ehlers, 220 S. McNees, W. Whittier

Westwood Village, Village Lutheran (Missionary Guild)—Mrs. Clarence Conrad, 3963 Huron Ave., Culver City

MINUTES OF THE

Fifty-Fifth Annual Convention

OF THE

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Hollywood, California, January 27-29, 1947

Theme: "FORTH WITH THY MESSAGE"

January 27, 1947, 8:00 P.M.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at a combined service of the Synod of California and the Women's Missionary Society. The sermon was preached by the Rev. James P. Beasom, D.D., president of Synod.

FIRST SESSION

January 28, 1947, 9:30 A.M.

The fifty-fifth annual convention was opened with singing the hymn, "Forth With Thy Message." A collect followed.

The opening service for the missionary convention was conducted by the president, Mrs. P. J. Kramer.

Pages, wives of new pastors in the Synod, and past presidents attending the convention, were introduced.

Presentation of the program was made by Mrs. Albert Schwertz, chairman of the program committee. A motion prevailed that the program, as presented, become the order of procedure for the convention.

The following convention committees were announced:

President's Report—Mrs. Charles Miley, Mrs. Paul Volpert, Mrs. R. R. Jones.

Nominations—Mrs. M. H. Shoreen, Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl, Mrs. E. Dale Click.

Resolutions—Mrs. Crouser, Mrs. Chelson, Mrs. Spindt.

Claims—Miss Helene Hjort.

Convention Pianist—Mrs. Loraine Failing.

A gracious welcome was extended by Mrs. Earl Andrews, President of the Hollywood Women of the Church. Greetings were brought by Mrs. Izenour, who presented a flowered "key to our hearts" to Mrs. Kramer.

Letters were read from Mrs. C. W. Baker, Jr., President of the W. M. S. of the U. L. C. A.; and from Mrs. Paul Knauss, President of the Ohio Synodical.

The officers and department secretaries were introduced.

The Credential Committee reported 7 officers, 15 department secretaries, 2 conference presidents, 135 delegates, and 77 visitors, a total of 236.

The president's report was read and a motion prevailed that the report be accepted with thanks and referred to the committee on president's report.

The vice-president urged everyone to visit the shower room for the California Lutheran Home for the Aged.

The treasurer's report with audit was presented by Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl. A motion was passed that the report be accepted with thanks as audited.

Archivist report was read by Mrs. J. E. Hoick. Motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

The report of the historian was presented by Mrs. H. F. Rohrbach. A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

The report of the statistician, Miss Helene Hjort, was accepted.

A memorial service was held for members who passed away during 1946. There were 27 who entered the Church Triumphant.

The interim special report was made by Mrs. Fred Steinle. She announced the goal of $3000 was exceeded by $241.83.

Dr. Armin G. Weng, president of the Illinois Synod, delivered a challenging address on "Unfinished Business."

The offering of $71.77 was received and consecrated by Sister Adele.

Mrs. J. E. Hoick, chairman of the Constitution Committee, read the revisions made in the new constitution, and each revision was adopted separately. The by-laws were voted upon at a later session.

The session adjourned with the devotions conducted by Mrs. C. S. Izenour. Theme: "Forth With Thy Message—A Message Straight from God."

SECOND SESSION

January 28, 1947, 1:30 P.M.

The session was opened with a hymn, "Thy Kingdom Come." Collect followed.

An address on "Our California Lutheran Home" for the Aged was given by Dr. James P. Beasom, president of the California Synod. Then followed presentation of shower gifts for the Home, directed by Mrs. Schwertz and Mrs. Alm. Over 2200 articles were received and nearly $200 in cash. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Dr. Beasom.

Mrs. R. J. Marshall presented the Synodical Secretaries' Hour in the form of a skit. Each department secretary reviewed the work accomplished in her department.

The 1947-49 Thank-offering triennial emphasis was presented by Mrs. James P. Beasom.

"Take My Life and Let It Be" was sung. The offering of $68.90 was consecrated by Sister Adele.

Pastor Heinecken brought greetings from the floor of Synod. Mrs. Fisher, widow of the late Dr. Fisher of Gettysburg Seminary, brought greetings.

Mrs. Hoick read the by-laws as revised. They were accepted. It was moved and carried that the constitution be accepted as read and amended.

After the prayer the men of Synod joined the women for a Life and In Memoriam Shower which Mrs. Harry Hahn directed.

The session adjourned.

A banquet was held at the Hollywood Lutheran Church at 7 P.M., honoring Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl. Guest speaker was the Rev. Charles A. Puls, D.D.

THIRD SESSION

January 29, 1947, 9:30 A.M.

The session was opened with the singing of "Praise The Lord, The Almighty King."

Mrs. E. Dale Click led the devotions with the topic, "Forth With Thy Message—A Message Costly In Its Demands." Collect followed.

Mrs. Beasom, member of the National Executive Board of the W. M. S., gave a report of promotional work in California.

The president presented delegates from the following new societies: Women of the Church, Evening Group, Grace, Richmond; Women of St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond Annex; Women of the Church, Temple Lutheran, San Francisco; Tucson, Arizona; Luther Memorial, Burbank; St. Peter's-by-the Sea, San Diego; Ocean Beach.

Pastor Hamme from our sister church in Honolulu, brought greetings.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presened by Mrs. Shoreen, as follows:

President—Mrs. P. J. Kramer

Vice-President—Mrs. Albert Schwertz

Secretary—Mrs. Chelson

Statistician—Miss Helene Hjort

Historian—Mrs. H. F. Rohrbach

Archivist—Mrs. W. L. Reese

The motion prevailed that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the officers nominated. Under a revision of the constitution, the office of treasurer is to be appointed by the president and the executive committee.

It was suggested that our California Synodical send a program packet and one of our magazines, preferably Lutheran Women's Work, to the Honolulu ladies, this suggestion to be referred to the Executive Board.

Half an hour was spent in a floor discussion of women's organizations and departments of the Synodical W. M. S.

Greetings were brought from Miss Walter of Denver, former president of the Rocky Mountain Synodical.

Mrs. Hahn made a report of the Life and In Memoriam shower.

Dr. Frederick A. Smith, Ex. Secretary of the Lutheran Welfare Council, announced a new radio broadcast every Sunday afternoon ,"The Greatest Story Ever Told." He urged all to listen.

Johnstown convention reports were made by the California delegates: Mrs. Izenour, Mrs. Beasom, Mrs. Kramer and Mrs. Click.

The Rev. L. E. Jacobsen spoke briefly on student work.

The offering of $54.02 was consecrated by Sister Adele.

The singing of "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" adjourned the session.

FOURTH SESSION

January 29, 1947, 1:30 P.M.

The fourth session opened with the singing of "Speed Thy Servants."

The Rev. Q. P. Garman gave an interesting talk on "The Thrill of Organizing a Mission" in Pacific Beach.

Mrs. P. J. Kramer conducted the devotions with a topic, "Forth With Thy Message—A Message Meant For All."

The Northern and Southern Conference reports were presented by Mrs. Click and Mrs. Shoreen respectively.

The convention committees presented their reports.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. Elsa King Fry. Mrs. H. E. Russell is the appointed treasurer of the Synodical.

Final registration totalled 336.

Then followed the formal closing of Convention. The singing of "Beautiful Saviour" adjourned the fifty-fifth annual convention of the California Synodical.

At 4 P.M., delegates and visitors went on a sight-seeing tour of the California Lutheran Home for the Aged in Alhambra. The women of Grace Lutheran Church in Alhambra were hostesses at the tea held in the home.

MRS. ROBERT J. MARSHALL, Recording Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is the 55th Anniversary of the California Synodical W. M. S. No one can read the history without being humbly thankful for what has been accomplished during these years by our faithful and devoted women in advancing the Kingdom of God throughout the world. There has been one motive, the fulfillment of the command of our Lord and Savior.

We thank God for the privilege and opportunity to go forth with His message. The achievement the past year has shown progress. All departments have shown a remarkable gain. The membership has increased 149 and 6 new societies have been added—Ocean Beach, San Diego; Luther Memorial, Burbank; Our Saviour's, Tucson, Arizona; Temple, San Francisco; St. James, Richmond; Mary E. Oehler, St. John's, Sacramento—which is testimony to the consecration, sincere devotion and the cooperation of the members of societies, officers and department chairmen. We have 64 societies and 1601 members in California Synod, according to the Statistician's report.

In October it was my happy privilege to attend the Triennial Convention in Johnstown, Pa. The delegates will never forget the mountain top experience and inspiration received from the 42 missionaries present, and the addresses presented by the leaders in our United Lutheran Church. A spiritual atmosphere permeated throughout the five-day session. The messages from the 15 young women, who are giving their lives in full time Christian service, were most inspiring. This was made possible through our Triennial objective, which you will hear more about in the report of the delegates. It was a thrill the first day of Convention to learn that California Synodical had made the largest gain in membership for the triennium, which was 45% gain. Only five Synodicals out of 30 had made gains. The next was Pacific Synodical with a gain of 27%.

Your President was called up to tell how the membership gain was reached. The increase was due to the organization of many new mission churches in California, and the fact that many congregations have organized Women of the Church groups, combining the Ladies' Aid and the Missionary Societies.

The past year has been a challenging one for our Synodical. It was recommended that we raise $3000 for an interim Special Peace offering for California Mission Churches. Your response was most gratifying—$3200 was raised, which indicates love and devotion to all of our work in His name. Five years ago we felt the need of assisting our mission churches in California. To date, over $5000 has been contributed for this purpose to buy chairs, pianos, making repairs, assisting in down payment on lots for buildings, etc.

We have another project in California Synod which will mean the mustering of all our resources of energy, determination, faith and prayer. That is the maintenance of the California Lutheran Home which has been purchased in Alhambra. There is no standing still. We must go forward together to greater conquests following Him, who said "I am the way."

As president of the Synodical, I have had the pleasure of visiting and speaking in many societies on the work of the W. M. S. Have held three Ex. Board meetings, had a part in the National Convention Symposium at Northern Conference meeting, have served as vice president of the Interdenominational School of Missions of Northern California, attending all the meetings and assisting in the planning of district Institutes (Missionary), have been Synodical representative at the State Council of Church Women, have written several articles for the Lutheran Women's Work and Golden State Lutheran.

Much of the work has been accomplished by correspondence. Official letters were sent out to societies with emphasis on the Synodical Special for Home Missions. Numerous letters, postal cards and stationery were sent out to officers and deparment secretaries and church leaders.

Your special attention is called to the work of the Treasurer, Mrs. Scheehl, who has served the Synodical well for seven years, and who has kept in close contact with all societies in regard to their financial obligations. It has been a huge task to take care of our funds, which now run into five figures. She is giving up the office at this convention, so we wish to pay tribute to her in appreciation of her faithful devoted service as treasurer.

Over $15,077 has been received this past year. The work of the W. M. S. is growing. There are difficult days ahead for the church, but the W. M. S. can go forward if we trust in Our Heavenly Father, knowing that in all things He will direct us. I submit the following recommendations.

1. That we show our sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all His benefits by putting forth every effort to make our future efforts a glorification to Him.
2. That because we as Christian women of America have experienced particular blessings, and because 1947 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Thank-offering in the W. M. S., we recommend that during the triennium 1946-1949, we give thanks for these blessings with special emphasis on Thank-offering.
3. That we continue contributing $300 to Rocky Boy Indian Mission.
4. That Synodical Special fund continue to be used to assist the California Mission churches.
5. That $1200 be raised to help in the maintenance of the California Lutheran Home by special gifts from societies and individual members.
6. That $100 be sent for the deaconess work in Philadelphia and Baltimore.
7. That the Synodical Convention be held in February, 1948, so that our National President, Mrs. Baker, could come to California to speak on the Convention program. The meeting to be held where the greatest number of delegates could attend.
8. That during these critical times we pledge ourselves to cooperate in the relief of human suffering through authorized church agencies.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

December 15, 1945 to December 15, 1946

BALANCES ON HAND DECEMBER 15th, 1945

Congress Travel fund	$ 225.50	
Deaconess fund	72.70	
Synodical Special	1,214.04	
Synodical Fee	256.93	
		$ 1,769.17

RECEIPTS

Annuity Bond	$ 500.00	
Associate Memberships	21.00	
Bible Women and Scholarships	1,150.00	
California Lutheran Home	50.00	
Christmas offerings	374.35	
Congress Travel fund	135.40	
Deaconess fund	67.80	
Designated gifts	222.93	
General fund	1,807.76	
India Lace	600.28	
Lenten offerings	367.35	
Life Memberships and In-Memoriams	1,730.00	
Thank - offerings	4,389.59	
Triennial Convention fund	169.60	
Triennial Special	702.20	
Special Aids (Box-work)	188.75	
Synodical Special	3,241.83	
Synodical Fee	358.40	
	$16,077.24	$16,077.24
		$17,846.41

DISBURSEMENTS

To Miss A. Dorothy Drewes, Nat'l Treasurer	$12,401.16
President's expenses	28.39
Secretary's expenses	13.00
Treasurer's expenses	17.25
Statistician's expenses	7.24
Department secretaries' expenses	25.86
Printing convention programs	25.63
Corsage, telegram and card	3.19
Gift to custodian of convention church	5.00
"Lutheran Women's Work" for Archivist files	2.00
Stationery and forms	30.49
Treasurer's bond	5.00
Credential blanks	3.00
Gift to Deaconess Anita Buderer	25.00
Gift for Lutheran World Action	75.00
Gift to St. Andrew's Mission, San Mateo	5.00
Gift to Midland College	60.00
President's expense to Board meeting	25.64
Bank charge, account check returned	.15
Mrs. E. Dale Click, Congress Travel	180.45
Miss Lucile Jacobson, Congress Travel	180.45
Gift to California Lutheran Home	50.00
Gift to Grace Church, Santa Barbara for repairs	250.00
Gift to Faith Church, Phoenix; chairs and piano	400.90
Gift to Grace Church, Culver City; Building fund	500.00
Gift to St. James Church, Richmond; piano	230.63

Gift to Pacific Beach Mission, San Diego; chairs	358.75	
Gift to Luther Memorial Church, Burbank; piano	175.00	
Gift to El Monte Mission; piano	125.00	
Gift to Pomona Mission; chairs	293.53	
	$15,502.71	$15,502.71
BALANCES: DECEMBER 15, 1946		
Deaconess fund	115.50	
Triennial convention fund	5.20	
Synodical Special	1,822.06	
Synodical fee	400.94	
	$ 2,343.70	$ 2,343.70
		$17,846.41
Series F Bond at present value		314.40

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT FOR 1947

	Societies	Active Members	Associate Members
Northern Conference	19	464	5
Southern Conference	44	1140	16
	63	1604	21

	Societies	Active Members
Northern Conference Gains	1	70
Southern Conference Gains	1	79
	2	149

The Northern Conference actually has four new societies this year.

However, three of the churches are reporting what was formerly two societies as one this year under the Women of the Church program.

In the Southern Conference there are three new societies during 1946.

However, one society reported they were disbanding before 1947, and one society has not been active but may be in the process of reorganizing.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

Last fall there was held an Antique Exhibit, over one hundred shops in California participating. This display was visited by thousands for five days and evenings in the Armory, Exposition Park, Los Angeles. I enjoyed to the full extent viewing all the beautiful and marvelous things of another period. It imparted to me a deeper interest in, and a greater evaluation for articles of yesteryear. Our Synodical Archives extend back to 1879, with nearly 70 volumes in the library. At the present time there are a few books to be bound in order to make it complete. We are thankful we have fine photos of the two past presidents who entered life eternal this last year.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Literature sales at the convention in Oakland, January 28-31, 1946, amounted to $11.45.—Southern Conference, $29.70; Northern Conference, $20.45.

Total sales for 1946—$61.60.

MAGAZINE

Total subscriptions—911.

There are sixteen 100% societies.

Eleven societies not heard from.

MISSION STUDY

20 societies participated in the study of Mission.

454 individuals enrolled.

120 individuals completed the course.

Countries studied: Africa, America, China, India, Burma, and some of the Pacific Islands.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

IN MEMORY

Active members who have passed on:

Nellie Viekre—Lydia Woerner Miss. Soc., Grace Lutheran, San Jose
Mrs. Amanda C. Swanson—St. Paul's Guild and M. S., St. Paul's, Vallejo.
Mrs. Rose Riecks—Women of the Church, Advent, Los Angeles
Mrs. Louise Dahling—Women of the Church, Advent, Los Angeles
Miss Ruth Felt—Women of the Church, Advent, Los Angeles
Miss Flora Bauer—Guild and Miss. Soc., St. Paul's, Santa Monica
Miss Caroline Quenzer—John K. Reed, Grace, Phoenix, Arizona
Mrs. Alma Nelson—Women of the Church, St. Michael's, Berkeley
Mrs. Harriet Monroe—Women of the Church, St. Michael's, Berkeley
Mrs. E. A. Trabert—Women of the Church, St. Michael's, Berkeley
Mrs. J. C. Frohliger—Women of the Church, First, Oakland
Mrs. Caroline Osterman—Women of the Church, Grace, Santa Barbara
Mrs. Bertha S. Stafford—Women of the Church, Grace, Santa Barbara
Mrs. J. J. McKeen—Women of the Church, Grace, Alhambra
Mrs. Martha Olson—Women of the Church, Grace, Alhambra
Mrs. Jo Ann Mangold—Women of the Church, Grace, Alhambra
Mrs. Ella M. Eggert—Evening Group (Women of the Church), First, Los Angeles
Mrs. Laura E. Rittersbacher—Women of the Church, First Los Angeles
Mrs. Anna Cleland—Women of the Church, Huntington Park
Miss Elizabeth Miller—Women of the Church, First, Los Angeles
Miss Kittie Rambo—Women of the Church, First, Los Angeles
Mrs. Margaret Miller—Women of the Church, Hollywood
Mrs. Anna Kjergaard—Women's Miss. Soc., Trinity, Long Beach
Mrs. Johanna S. Beasom—Women's Council of Christian Missions, First, Glendale
Mrs. Robert Engnell—Women's Council of Christian Missions, First, Glendale
Mrs. Marie Schaefer—Women's Council of Christian Missions, First, Glendale
Mrs. Anna Tagge—Women's Council of Christian Missions, First, Glendale

NORTHERN CONFERENCE REPORT

Northern Conference is pressing forward under Christ's leadership. In February, a presidents' and treasurers' round table was held in Berkeley at St. Michael's Church and attended by 55 women. During the year, 4 new societies were welcomed into our fellowship. In December the initial meeting of a Northern Young Women's Congress was held in Berkeley at which Miss Marianna Bunger, missionary nurse to Liberia, spoke, and Mrs. Evelyn Canby of Richmond was appointed chairman for the next inspirational meeting.

Over 100 delegates and visitors attended the annual convention November 6 at Grace Church, Richmond, this being the first convention held on one day only and the first separate from Northern Conference men. Highlights were the presentation of the national convention report and the offering for California Missions (Synodical Special) amounting to over $200.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. E. Dale Click; first vice-president, Mrs. Mildred Brown; second vice-president; Mrs. James Dalziel; secretary, Mrs. G. B. Anderson; historian, Miss Helene Hjort.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE REPORT

With its theme, "That all may be one," Southern Conference celebrated its fortieth annual convention which was held in the First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Sept. 13, 1946.

Registration showed two hundred seventy-seven women in attendance.

Gifts for two pianos for two new missions amounted to $355.10.

The officers for the ensuing year are: president, Mrs. Maynard Shoreen; first vice-president, Mrs. Virgil Chelson; second vice-president, Mrs. Carl Grabe; recording secretary, Mrs. Robert Inslee; treasurer, Mrs. Frances Woodworth; historian, Miss Eleanor Schlaegel.

SPECIAL AIDS REPORT

For Year Ending December 31, 1946

(Formerly Box Work)

Forty-seven (47) of our societies reported box work for the year 1946. A substantial increase over last year's report was noted, both in amount of cash and in number of boxes sent. Tons of clothing were made, mended and packed by our missionary groups for Lutheran World Action, as well as for our mission stations at home and abroad.

Boxes sent to North American Missions	89
Boxes sent to World Missions	346
Cash received for Box Work	$188.75

LOCAL SYNODICAL SPECIAL AID

The response to appeals for the linen shower for the new Home for the Aged was both gratifying and overwhelming. The following quantities were brought to the Synodical Convention, all but four of our Congregations contributing:

7	quilts	863	bath towels
32	woolen blankets	113	hand towels
62	cotton blankets	596	wash cloths
87	bed spreads	79	tea towels
189	sheets	95	misc. items
276	pillow slips	3	pillows

$293.00 in cash donations

Total approximate valuation of linens, $2500.00.

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND "IN MEMORIAM" DEPARTMENT

1946

Life Memberships received during Synodical year	85
Honorary Life Memberships received during Synodical year	22
Total Life Memberships received	107
Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	1211
Honorary Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	239
Total Life Memberships on Synodical Roll	1450
Persons memorialized during Synodical year	32
Total "In Memoriam" on Synodical Roll	210

Total income from this Department for the year: $1730.00.

PATRON AND PROTEGE

This department supports: 9 Bible women—1 native nurse—17 scholarships. Total cash receipts for the year: $1150.00.

THANK OFFERING

Total cash receipts for the year: $4389.59. This is an increase of $910.48 over last year.

DEACONESS

The amount received for this work was $100.00 for the year. This money was divided between the Baltimore and Philadelphia Motherhouses. Major step forward in 1946 was the affiliation of the Motherhouses with Gettysburg College and Susquehanna University. Outstanding emphasis for the present biennium is the recruiting of at least one deaconess student from each Synod in the ULCA, with the reminder that in case of large Synods, the aim be one student per Conference.

PROMOTION

Your secretary has made numerous addresses, written letters, and held several conferences. The promotional literature has been sent to prospective groups and instruction has been given in the organization of missionary societies. During the past year six new societies came into being.

A Congress has been organized in the Northern Conference. At its initial meeting in December, missionary Marianna Bunger spoke on the work in Africa.

The mission field at Reno, Nevada, has been accepted by the Women's Missionary Society as a special challenge and appeal for the Children of the Church.

STUDENT

Twenty-one congregations reported:
149 students of whom 88 are men and 61 women
12 men are studying for the ministry
2 women entering Christian service
10 students are attending UCLA, Los Angeles; 25 University of California, Berkeley; 7 Redlands U., Redlands; 5 Glendale College, Glendale.

INDIA LACE

The amount of $600.28 was received for this cause. The lace is still unobtainable, due to transportation difficulties.

INTERIM—SYNODICAL SPECIAL

The total amount contributed by all Societies amounted to $3241.83, which is $241.83 above the goal proposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

YEAR 1946

Glendale, First	$ 19.35
Hollywood, Hollywood	15.00
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	16.02
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	50.00
San Bernardino, First	9.76
San Diego, First	50.35
Total	$160.48
First English Church of Oakland sent direct to the Treasurer of the U.L.C.A.	$ 25.00

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Whereas we realize that all the blessings showered upon us throughout this past year are a testimony of God's working in our midst,

Whereas we are truly grateful for these evidences of His love and care,

Whereas in this hour of destiny our lot has been cast in this strategic field, and

Whereas we are ever mindful of present and future opportunities to show the love of God

Be it resolved:

1. That we praise God for providing for our comfort at this convention through the warm and cordial hospitality of the members and pastor, the Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter, of the Hollywood Lutheran Church, Hollywood, California.
2. That we give thanks to God for His guidance of our president, Mrs. P. J. Kramer, the Executive Board, and all department secretaries in this year of splendid achievement and faithful service.
3. That we praise God for the devoted example and capable service of our retiring treasurer, Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl.
4. That we express gratitude to God for the Christian example and faithful leadership of Mrs. Bertha S. Stafford and Mrs. E. A. Trabert, past synodical presidents, who gave so much of themselves in devoted service to synodical work and who this year passed into the Life Triumphant, and that a copy of the resolution be sent to their families.
5. That we give thanks to our Maker that He has seen fit to send into our presence such inspiring and challenging leaders as Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Dr. Armin Weng, Dr. Charles A. Puls, the Rev. Edward Hamme, the Rev. Q. P. Garman, Sister Adele Dasenbrock, Mrs. R. J. Marshall, the Rev. L. E. Jacobsen, and the Triennium Convention delegates and visitors.
6. That we give thanks to God for all those who planned and prepared this program, to the devotional leaders, musicians, and all those who assisted to make the sessions at the convention so inspiring and helpful.
7. That we humbly make supplication of the Heavenly Father that He grant us His divine guidance in the days ahead and that He instill in us that spirit which was in Christ Jesus, that we may be enabled to know His truth and to obey His will and to abide in His peace forever.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLARENCE F. CROUSER

MRS. L. N. CHELSON

MRS. A. J. SPINDT

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your nominating committee wishes to submit the following names as officers for the coming year:

President	Mrs. P. J. Kramer
Vice-president	Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz
Secretary	Mrs. L. N. Chelson
Treasurer (by appointment)	Mrs. H. E. Russell
Statistician	Miss Helene Hjort
Historian	Mrs. H. F. Rohrbach
Archivist	Mrs. Walter Reese

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. H. SHOREEN
MRS. E. DALE CLICK
MRS. WM. B. SCHEEHL

WHEN TO SEND FUNDS

June Quarter	
General Fund	10c per member per month
Congress Travel Fund	$1.00 or more per society per year
India Lace Industry	Freewill
Deaconess Fund	$1.00 or more per society per year
September Quarter	
General Fund	10c per member per month
Synodical Fee	35c per member per year
Synodical Special	$1.00 or more per member per year
Special Aid (Box)	Freewill
December Quarter	
General Fund	10c per member per month
Christmas Offering	Freewill
Thank Offering	Freewill
March Quarter	
General Fund	10c per member per month
Triennial Convention Expense Fund	10c per member per month
Lenten Offering	Freewill
Triennial Objective Special	Freewill Thank Offering
Any Quarter	
Scholarships	Bible Women
Life Memberships	In Memoriams

The Synodical Treasurer's books are closed on June 15, September 15, December 15 and March 15.

Please send reports to, and make checks payable to the Treasurer,

MRS. H. E. RUSSELL
901 E. Sixth Street
Burbank, California

SUGGESTIONS FOR OFFICERS OF SOCIETIES

1. Present the work of the State and National society at one of your meetings during the year.
2. Help to promote Children of the Church program in your congregation.
3. Organize a study class or reading circle in your society.
4. Encourage the use of the **Lutheran Woman's Work.**
5. Observe day of prayer and week of prayer. Lenten offering.
6. Strive for 100% Life Membership society.
7. Support Patron and Protege work..
8. Observe India Lace Day in May, and Public Thank Offering in November.
9. Encourage attendance at Mission Institutes in your community.
10. Stress Synodical Special, which will assist Home Mission churches in our Synod.
11. Thank offering is our Triennial Special. Remember a daily gift, a daily prayer.
12. Last, but not least—$1200.00 to California Home for Aged is pledged for this year. Let us go over the top.

Statistical Report—Women's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1946—Table 1—Cont'd.

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY (FOR CONFERENCE OR SYNODICAL USE)	MEMBERSHIP: No. of Societies Organized Before June 30 of Last Year	No. of Societies Organized Since June 30 of Last Year	Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—Under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	PERSONNEL OF SOCIETY: How Many Members Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	How Many Business and Professional Women?	No. of Society
	NORTHERN CONFERENCE												
1	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Women of the Church)	1			35	35					35		1
2	Fresno, First (Friendship Circle)	1			42	42					41	1	2
3	Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)	1		10	17	27		2	2		13	14	3
4	Oakland, First (Women of the Church)	1		10	40	50					25	25	4
5	Oakland, St. John's (W. M. S.)	1			14	14					14		5
6	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			30	30					30		6
7	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Evening Group)		1	8	7	15					15		7
8	Richmond, St. James (Women of St. Jame's)		1	3	4	7					7		8
9	Sacramento, First English (Women of the Church)	1			20	20		3	3		20		9
10	Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)	1		10	20	30					20	10	10
11	Sacramento, St. John's (Mary E. Oehler)		1		19	19					19		11
12	Sacramento, St. Paul's (Pastor's Aid)	1			13	13					13		12
13	San Francisco, First English (Women's Guild)	1		2	10	12					9	3	13
14	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S.)	1		1	26	27					16	11	14
15	San Francisco, St. Matthew's (W. M. S.)	1			17	17					17		15
16	San Francisco, Temple (Women of the Church)		1	1	14	15					15		16
17	San Jose, Grace (Mission Women of the Church)	1		3	42	45					45		17
18	San Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of St. Andrew's)	1		6	14	20					20		18
19	Vallejo, St. Paul's (Guild)	1		6	20	26					24	2	19
	TOTAL	15	4	60	404	464		5	5		398	66	

San Jose, Grace reported two societies in 1945 and two for 1946 the Lydia Woerner and W.M.S. They have now combined, so the reports have been combined for this year.
Berkeley, St. Michael's reported as two societies in 1945 but have one combined society this year.
Oakland, First Reported as two societies in 1945 but have one combined society this year.

	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2												
20	Alhambra, Grace (Women of Grace Church)	1		1	26	27					27		20
21	Altadena, Altadena Lutheran (Women of the Church	1		2	18	20					18	2	21
22	Beverly Hills Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		5	23	28		2	2		26	2	22
23	Beverly Hills Lutheran (Elsa King Frey)	1		7	1	8		1	1		8		23
24	Burbank, Luther Memorial Church (Women of the Church		1	6	6	12					10	2	24
25	Culver City, Grace (Ladies of Grace Church)	1			12	12					12		25
26	Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)	1		2	23	25					25		26
27	Glendale, First Lutheran(Wom. Council of Christion Missions)	1			103	103					101	2	27
28	Glendale, First (Business & Professional Group)	1			25	25						25	28

Statistical Report—Women's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1946—Table 1

	EDUCATION DIVISION									Promotion Division			DIVISION OF SPECIAL GIFTS					
	Mission Study				Week of Prayer			LWW	Mo. Pro.	Promotion		Pa. & Pro.	Th.-Off.	Special Aids		Life Mem.	In Memo.	
No. of Society	No. of Study Groups—No. American Missions	No. of Study Groups—World Missions	No. of Persons in Groups	No. of Persons Completing Reading Course	Did Your Society Observe the Lenten Week of Prayer and Self Denial?	No. of Meetings Held	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	How Many Magazine Subscriptions in Your Society?	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	Have You Distributed Missionary Literature the Past Year to Those Outside Your Own Society?	No. of New ACTIVE Members Since June 30 Last Year	Does your Soc. Have part in Patron and Protege Dept.	No. of Public Thank-Offering Services	No. of Boxes to North American Missions	No. of Boxes to World Missions	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year	No. of Society
NORTHERN CONFERENCE																		
1					YES	5	YES	38	YES	YES	5	NO	1		1	4		1
2					YES	1	YES	42	YES	YES	2	NO	1	1	1	10	2	2
3					YES	1	YES	11	YES	NO	2		1	1	1	1		3
4		2	25	15	YES	3	YES	50	YES	NO	10	YES	1	3	75	7	3	4
5		1	10	10	YES	2	YES		YES	YES	6				7	2	1	5
6					YES	5	NO	30	YES	NO		YES	1					6
7					YES	2	NO	3	NO	NO	15	YES	1					7
8																		8
9					YES	1	NO	20	YES	YES	1		1	1	10	1		9
10					YES	1	YES	22	YES	YES	7	YES	1	1		4	1	10
11								13	YES	NO	19	YES	1	1		1	1	11
12											1		1					12
13					YES	1	YES	8	YES	YES			1	1			1	13
14								21	YES	YES	10	YES	1		5	2	1	14
15	1	1	10		YES	4	NO	2	NO	YES	3		1	1	12			15
16								6	YES	NO	15		1	1				16
17					YES	7		25	YES	YES	7		1	2	2	7		17
18					YES	1	NO	6	YES	NO	7			3				18
19				26	YES	7	NO	18	YES	NO	6		1	2		1	1	19
	1	4	45	51	YES	41	YES	315	YES	YES	116	YES	16	18	114	40	11	
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2																		
20					YES	1	YES	23	NO	NO			1	2	12	1		20
21					YES	5	YES	12	YES		7							21
22		1	6	2	YES	1	YES	25	YES	YES	2							22
23													1					23
24																		24
25	2	2	9					10	YES	YES	2				4			25
26		1	8		YES	5	YES	15	YES	NO	6	YES	1	2				26
27	1	1	40	22	YES	5	YES	103	YES		7	YES	1	1	1	9	3	27
28																		28

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	FOR CONFERENCE OR SYNODICAL USE: No. of Societies Oranzed Before June 30 of Last Year	No. o Societies Organized Since June 30 of Last Year	MEMBERSHIP: Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—Under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	PERSONNEL OF SOCIETY: How Many Members Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	How Many Business and Professional Women?	No. of Society
	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—Continued												
29	Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1			65	65					65		29
30	Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (F. M. Welty)	1		9	18	27					17	10	30
31	Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Gospel Light)	1			26	26		3	3		26		31
32	Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Go Ye)	1		13	4	17	2		2	1	12	4	32
33	Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)	1			20	20					20		33
34	Long Beach, Faith (W. M. S.)	1		6	4	10					8	2	34
35	Long Beach, Trinity (W. M. S.)	1			46	46					41	5	35
36	Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)	1		1	30	31					26	5	36
37	Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas)	1		3	20	23					7	16	37
38	Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eta Sigma)	1		6		6				1		5	38
39	Los Angeles, Bethany (Bethany Cosmos Mission)	2			22	22					22		39
40	Los Angeles, First English (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			70	70					70		40
41	Los Angeles, First English (Women of Church, Evening Group)	1			25	25						25	41
42	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (W. M. S.)	1			27	27					27		42
43	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Hearts)	1		5	15	20					12	8	43
44	Los Angeles, St. Paul's (Women of the Church)	1			11	11					11		44
45	North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Mena Spirer)	1			23	23		1	1		23		45
46	North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)	1		2	23	25		1	1		21	4	46
47	Pasadena, Trinity (W. M. S.)	1			35	35		4	4		35		47
48	Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)	1			15	15					15		48
49	Phoenix, Grace (John K. Reed)	1			36	36					36		49
50	Redlands, First Lutheran (W. M. S.)	1		1	25	26					26		50
51	Riverside, Trinity (Womens' Mission Guild)	1			11	11					11		51
52	Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)	1		14	5	19				1	13	5	52
53	San Bernardino, First (Minnie L. Sandidge)	1		3	33	36					36		53
54	San Bernardino, First (Emma L. Alm)	1		16		16				16			54
55	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			37	37					37		55
56	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)	1		6	16	22					17	5	56
57	San Diego, (Ocean Beach) St. Peter's by the Sea (Wom. of Ch.)		1		10	10					10		57
58	Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)	1		4	19	23					22	1	58
59	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Mission)	1			45	45		2	2		45		59
60	Tucson, Our Saviour's (Women of the Church)		1	1	26	27					19	8	60
61	West Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)	1		5	13	18					17	1	61
62	Westwood Village (Mission Guild)	1			10	10					10		62
	TOTAL SOUTHERN CONFERENCE	41	3	118	1022	1140	2	14	16	19	984	137	
	GRAND TOTAL BOTH CONFERENCES	56	7	178	1426	1604	2	19	21	19	1382	203	

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	Mission Study				Week of Prayer			LWW	Mo. Pro.	Promotion		Pa. & Pro.	Th.-Off.	Special Aids		Life Mem.	In Memo.	
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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—Continued																		
29		1	25		YES	3	YES	60	YES	YES		YES	1	1	1	6	1	29
30					NO		NO	22	NO	NO			1			1	1	30
31		1	15		YES	3	YES	27	YES	YES	1	YES	1	2		1	3	31
32		1	17	17	YES	1	YES	16	YES	YES	3		1	1	1			32
33		1	12	12	YES	2	YES	16	YES	YES	5		1		8	2		33
34								10	YES	YES			1		3	1		34
35		1	16		YES	2	YES	32	YES	NO	5	YES	1	1		1		35
36		2		10	YES	3	YES	27	YES	YES	17	YES	1	18	130	2	1	36
37		1	7					4	NO	NO	11		1					37
38		1	6				YES		YES				1	1		1		38
39								19	YES			YES		2	1			39
40		3	40		YES	3	YES	68	YES	YES		YES	1	10	4	10	7	40
41	1		25		NO			10	YES	NO			1	2	1	1	3	41
42					NO			25	YES				1	1	2	2		42
43					NO	10	YES	13	YES	NO	4	YES		1	6			43
44								14	YES	YES	1		1		8	1		44
45		1	15		NO			23	YES	NO	5	YES	1	2		2	1	45
46		1	20	3	NO			25	YES	YES	3		1	1		1		46
47					YES	5	YES	30	YES	YES	3		1	3		3		47
48					NO			19	YES					3	5			48
49		3	45	4	YES	3	YES	38	YES	YES	3	YES	1	5	1			49
50	1	1	16		YES	5	YES	19	YES		3		1	2		1		50
51								14	YES	YES	2		1		12	2		51
52		1	15	10	YES	1	NO	3	YES	NO	6		1	2		1		52
53	1	1	24	10	YES	5	YES	19	YES	YES	6		1	2	4	11	1	53
54									YES	YES			1	2	1	2		54
55		1	15	8	YES	3	YES	21	YES	YES		YES	1	1	1	1		55
56					YES	5	YES	20	YES		4	YES	1	1	2	1		56
57																		57
58					YES	1	YES	15	YES	YES	8		1		25	1		58
59	1		8		YES	2	NO	15	YES	YES	16	YES	1	2		2		59
60					NO			10	YES	YES	27		1					60
61					NO			10	YES	YES	8		1					61
62					NO			10	YES									62
	7	26	384	98	YES	79	YES	842	YES	YES	165	YES	33	71	233	67	21	
	8	30	429	149	YES	120	29	1157	51	YES	281	YES	49	89	347	107	32	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC. 15, 1945 TO DEC. 15, 1946—Table 1—Continued

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	Annuity Bonds	Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	California Lutheran Home	Christmas Offering	Congress Fund	Deaconess Fund	No. of Society
1	Alhambra (Women of Grace Church)	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	1
2	Altadena (Women of the Church)								2
3	Berkeley, St. Michail's (Women of the Church					5.00	5.00	1.00	3
4	Beverly Hills (Women of the Church)		2.00			10.00	2.00	2.00	4
5	Beverly Hills (Elsa King Frey)		1.00				2.00	2.00	5
6	Culver City (Women of Grace Church)								6
7	Fresno First (Women of the Church, Freindship Circle)					4.017	4.00		7
8	Fresno, First (Women of the Church, Chi Rho Circle)		2.00			1.00	5.00		8
9	Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)			25.00			1.00		9
10	Glendale, First (Womens Council of Christ Missions)			180.00		40.00	5.00	10.00	10
11	Glendale, First (Phi Rho Theta)						2.00		11
12	Glendale, First (Business and Professional Group)								12
13	Hollywood (Women of the Church)			50.00		10.00	2.00	1.00	13
14	Hollywood (Florence M. Welty)						1.00	1.00	14
15	Huntington Park, St. Lukes (Gospel Light)		3.00	5.00		5.00	2.00		15
16	Huntington Park, St. Lukes (Go Ye's)		2.00			5.00	1.00	1.00	16
17	Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)						2.00		17
18	Long Beach, Faith (Women of the Church								18
19	Long Beach, Trinity (W. M. S.)	500.00		100.00			4.00	1.00	19
20	Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)			80.00		12.00	3.00		20
21	Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas)					2.00	2.00	1.00	21
22	Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eta Sigma)					5.02	1.00	1.00	22
23	Los Anfeles, Bethany			50.00			2.00	2.00	23
24	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)			100.00		10.00	2.00	5.00	24
25	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)								25
26	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, D. R. H.)						1.00		26
27	Los Angeles, St. Marks (First)					13.37	2.00	2.00	27
28	Los Angeles, St. Marks (Loving Hearts)			50.00		5.00	3.00		28
29	Los Angeles, St. Pauls (Women of the Church)					1.00	2.00		29
30	North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Mena Spires)		1.00	5.00		5.00	1.00	5.00	30
31	North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Faith)		1.00			5.00	4.00	2.00	31
32	Oakland, First (Women of the Church)			50.00		15.00	5.00	2.00	32
33	Oakland, St. John's (W. M. S.)					7.25	3.00		33
34	Pasadena, Trinity (W. M. S.)		4.00			12.00	2.00	2.00	34

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1	$	$ 31.20	$ 30.50	$	$ 10.00	$ 66.00	$ 2.60	$ 2.00	$	$ 41.55	$ 6.75	$ 195.62	1
2		15.00						3.54				18.5	2
3		37.50	15.45	5.00	55.00	95.67	3.00		5.00	120.00	7.50	354.	3
4		33.60	5.00	6.20		44.54	2.80			51.45	7.00	166.59	4
5		7.20	2.00	1.00		3.58	.90			8.00	2.00	29.68	5
6		14.40					1.20				3.00	18.60	6
7	60.00	52.20		9.73	150.00	136.72	4.30	30.00	11.25	88.50	11.00	597.87	7
8		28.05	10.50	9.70	10.00	53.46	2.80	25.00		100.00	6.25	253 76	8
9		36.00		5.70		50.00	3.00			30.00	7.50	158.20	9
10		123.60	45.00	41.00	135.00	400.00	20.30	10.00	45.00	272.00	25 75	1352	10
11		10.80										12.80	11
12		25.00										25.00	12
13	10.00	77.75	27.72	7.65	60.00	172.83	16.50			130.00	16.25	581.70	13
14		32.40			25.00	78.00	2.70			56.00	6.75	202.85	14
15		27.00	5.00	8.45	85.00	84.78	2.40	4.00		35.15	5.50	272.28	15
16		17.40	5.00	5.45		32.33	1.40	32.00		14.00	3.50	120.08	16
17		21.00			20.00	58.77	1.50	15.00		6.00	5.00	129.27	17
18		12.00			10.00		1.00				2.50	25.50	18
19		58.20	1.00	9.00	10.00	76.05	5.00	25.00		37.50	12.00	838.75	19
20	13.93	33.60	43.05	31.96	45.00	133.10	2.20	50.00		60.00	7.50	515.34	20
21		18.00	5.00			35.50				20.00		83.50	21
22	4.00	4.80		5.00	10.00	12.78	.60			6.00	1.50	51.70	22
23		24.00				47.30	1.40			26.00	5.50	158.20	23
24		84.00	40.00	20.52	245.00	414.56	7.00			200.00	17.50	1145.58	24
25		30.00			50.00				10.00	25.00		115.00	25
26		7.20			25.00			5.69				38.89	26
27		27.00	2.00	10.00	20.00	129.37	2.00			27.00	6.75	241.49	27
28		22.80				26.06	1.70			35.00	4.75	148.31	28
29		12.30			10.00	31.99				15.00	.15	72.44	29
30		26.70	7.65	5.00	45.00	120.83	2.20		10.00	39.20	5.50	279.08	30
31		24.60	15.60	5.00	10.00	73.40	2.00			48.00	5.00	195.60	31
32		60.00	54.12	15.00	125.00	193.29	5.00	50.00	20.00	150.00	12.50	756.91	32
33		14.10	11.50		35.00	36.81	1.10	12.50		39.50	3.25	164.01	33
34	50.00	42.00	45.00	9.65	30.00	227.50	3.50	30.00		74.15	8.75	540.55	34

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No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	Annuity Bonds	Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	California Lutheran Home	Christmas Offering	Congress Fund	Deaconess Fund	No. of Society
35	Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)					5.00	2.00	2.80	35
36	Phoenix, Grace (Women of the Church)			30.00		10.00	3.00	1.00	36
37	Redlands, First (W. M. S.)					5.00	1.00	1.00	37
38	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Afternoon Group)			40.00		12.35	3.00	1.00	38
39	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Evening Group)			40.00		6.70	3.00	2.00	39
40	Richmond, St. James (Women of the Church)								40
41	Riverside, Trinity (Mission Guild)						2.00		41
42	Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)						2.00	1.00	42
43	Sacramento, First (Women of the Church		3.00			4.00	3.00		43
44	Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)			25.00		21.22	3.00	1.00	44
45	Sacramento, St. John's (M. E. D.)			25.00		6.00	2.00	1.00	45
46	Sacramento, St. Paul's (Pastor's Aid)						1.00		46
47	San Bernardino, First (M. E. S.)					5.00	1.00	1.00	47
48	San Bernardino, First (E. L. A.)								48
49	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)			180.00		15.05	5.00		49
50	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)			10.00		14.10	2.00	1.00	50
51	San Francisco, First (Women's Guild)					6.75	3.00	1.00	51
52	San Francisco, St. Matthew's (W. M. S.)						1.00		52
53	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S.)			100.00		27.37	1.00		53
54	San Francisco, Temple (Women of the Church)					5.00	5.40	3.50	54
55	San Jose, Grace (Women of Grace)					5.00	5.00	2.50	55
56	San Jose, Grace (Lydia Woerner)					2.00	2.00	1.00	56
57	San Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of the Church)						5.00	1.00	57
58	Santa Barbara, Grace (W. M. S.)					5.00	1.00	1.00	58
59	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Women of the Church)		2.00	5.00		5.00	3.00	1.00	59
60	Tucson, Our Saviours (Women of the Church)								60
61	Vallejo, St. Paul's (Lutheran Guild)					5.00	2.00	1.00	61
62	Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)								62
63	Westwood Village								63
64	Congress of Southern Conference								64
65	Northern Conference								65
66	Southern Conference				50.00				66
67	W. M. S. Synod of California								67
	TOTALS	$500.00	$21.00	$1150.00	$50.00	$374.35	$135.40	$67.80	

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No. of Society	Designated Gifts	General Fund	India Lace Offering	Lenten Offering	Life Memberships In-Memoriams	Thank Offering	Tri-ennial Conven. Expense Fund	Tri-ennial Special	Special Aids	Synodical Special	Synodical Fee	TOTALS	No. of Society
35		18.00	8.05	3 00		35.00	1.50		10.00	15.00	3.75	104.10	35
36		42.60	10.00	5.60		334.60	3.50		25.00	62.10	8.75	536.15	36
37		27.90	19.00	12.00	10.00	63.50	3.00	5.00		41.00	7.00	195.40	37
38		48.00	10.24	9.31		119.59	4.00	100.00		68.00	10.00	425.49	38
39		10.50	3.03			10.00				25.00	3.75	103.98	39
40		8.40					.70				1.75	10.85	40
41		18.15	5.00	11.55	20.00	40.00	1.20			22.00	3.00	122.90	41
42		15.60	4.00	11.55	10.00	31.27	1.50	15.00		13.00	4.00	108.92	42
43		29.60	4.00		10.00	49.00	2.00	60.00		63.00	5.00	232.60	43
44		36.00	25.00	7.18	65.00	56.88	3 00			110.41	7.50	361.19	44
45		26.40	8.15	5.40	25.00	44.25	2.10		2.50	24.00	6.00	177.80	45
46		15.80					1.30				3.25	21.35	46
47		36.00	7.00	10.00	125.00	34.62	3.00	5.00		30.00	7.50	265.12	47
48		6.60			20.00		1.00	5.00				32.60	48
49		45.00	6.88	8.90	10.00	93.25	23.80			74.00	9.25	474.13	49
50		25.80	6.86	29.60	10.00	47.76	2.20			61.00	5.25	215.57	50
51		13.80	6.14	3.50	25.00	54.11	1.10		5.00	17.00	3.00	139.40	51
52		24.00				30.00			10.00	25.00	5.00	95.00	52
53	5.00	39.00	64.75		45.00	156.30	2.50			60.00	6.25	507.17	53
54		10.80	7.50			9.50				12.00	3.00	56.70	54
55	5.00	28.20	11.00	5.00	40.00	67.40	2.30		5.00	39.00	6.00	221.40	55
56		23.10	2.00	1.00	30.00	27.00		19.00		30.00	5.00	142.10	56
57		29.71				17.00		12 00		51.22	7.25	123.18	57
58		24.90			10.00	55.40	1.70	5.00		46.00	5.75	155.75	58
59		54.00	14.00	22.75	20.00	88.29	4.50	10.00	25.00	45.00	11.25	310.79	59
60		15.30				34.26				8.00	4.25	61.81	60
61		31.20	6.75	10.00	35.00	26.89	2.60	10.00	5.00	31.00	6.50	172.76	61
62		12.00				26.50	1.00			10.00	2.50	52.00	62
63								3.00				3.00	63
64										69.00		69.00	64
65										30.00		30.00	65
66										405.10		455.10	66
67	75.00							158.47				233.47	67
	$222.93	$1807.76	$600.28	$367.35	$1730.00	$4389.59	$169.60	$702.20	$188.75	$3241.83	$3584.40	$16077.24	

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ROLL OF SYNOD

CLERICAL ROLL	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER	CONG. SERVED	LAY DELEGATE	LAYMAN'S ADDRESS
Ackerman, J. Emory	1944	1944	S	16962A Brighton St., Gardena			
Alm, Arthur W.	1942	1943	S	832 Marshall Ave., San Bernardino			
Alsop, Albert	1945	1945	S	Buenos Aires, Argentina, S.A.			
Anspach, Howard A., D.D.	1913	1930	S	4668 Tivoli St., San Diego 7	St. Peter's	John A. Titlow	3765 Narragansett, San Diego 7
Awerkamp, Orval A.	1935	1935	S	4722 Vista St., Long Beach 14	Trinity	B. P. Brisbane	443 W. 10th St., Long Beach 13
Balsley, Glen O.	1945	1947	N	1309 Tuolumne St., Vallejo	St. Paul's	B. H. Thompson	407 Williams, Apt. 301, Vallejo
Bartelt, Fred H.	1946	1947	N	1331 Panhandle Blvd., Richmond	St. James	L. V. DeRoche	2620 Panhandle Blvd., Richmond
Beasom, James P. Jr., D.D.	1923	1937	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 5	President of Synod		
Bergstresser, Phillip	1944	1944	N	702 Bridge Rd., San Leandro	St. John's	Mrs. Emma Hang	2163 - 50th Ave., Oakland 1
Bitter, John C.	1917	1923	N	603 "E" St., Fresno 1	Wartburg		
Bonker, Milus W.	1945	1945	N	579 35th St., Richmond	Grace	Robert H. Canby	74 Grove St., Richmond
Bowman, J. William	1948	1948	S	1162 N. Huntington, Pomona	Trinity	Carl W. Loell	177 Penfield, Pomona
Claus, August	1943	1943	N	2112 Lotus Ave., Fresno 2	St. Paul's	George Schneider	Rt. 3, Box 418, Fresno
Click, E. Dale	1944	1944	N	643 - 28th Ave., San Mateo	St. Andrew's	William Titmas	138 "B" St., San Mateo
Crouser, C. F.	1930	1930	S	3108 Via Corona, Montebello	St. Paul's		
Daly, Thomas J.	1948	1948	S	225 N. 13th St., Las Vegas, Nev.	New Mission		
Dorn, J. George, D.D.	1915	1927	N	1135 O'Farrell St., San Francisco 9	St. Mark's	Wm. Capel	761 Walnut St., San Carlos
Endter, Donald W.	1945	1945	S	530 Shatto Pl., Los Angeles 5	First Asst. Pastor		
Failing, L. A.	1934	1946	S	1627 N. Landis St., Burbank	Luther Memorial		
Forsyth, Willis J.	1946	1946	S	809 E. Bryant Road, El Monte	Redeemer		
Garman, Quentin P.	1944	1947	S	1368 Law St., Pac. B'ch, S'n Diego 9	Christ	Albert LePron	1024 Beryl, San Diego 9
Hamme, H. Edward	1931	1947	N	3441 Alani Dr., Honolulu, T.H.	Honolulu		
Heinecken, F. W.	1930	1945	S	3925 Walnut St., Riverside	Trinity	O. J. Hammar	7157 Potomac St., Riverside
Herold, J. S., D.D.	1900	1939	N	1128 N. St., Sanger	St. Paul's		
Hidy, Ross F.	1942	1945	N	3106 Meeker Ave., H. G. Richmond	Com. of Am. Missions		
Holand, Clifford B.	1927	1938	S	625 21st Pl., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Clement F. Johnsen	332-12th St., Santa Monica
Horrman, Arthur, Ph.D.	1911	1947	N	P.O. Box 2922, Honolulu, T.H.	Lihue		
Hudson, Guy L.	1930	1930	S	100 N. Doheny Dr., Los Angeles 36	Beverly Hills	Arthur Snyder	1251 Seward St., Hollywood 38
Johnson, Earl J.		1946	S	140 N. Louise St., Glendale	Glendale YMCA		
Keck, Paul E.	1945	1945	S	908 Church St., Redlands	First	E. A. Lagerquist	618 Alvarado St., Redlands
Kerstetter, Robert D., Ph.D.	1939	1943	S	1733 N. New Hampshire, Hollywood 27	Hollywood	David M. Lingle	677 Hollywood Bl., Hollywood 28
Knudten, Arthur C., Ph.D.	1920	1943	N	Ghq-Scap CI & E, APO 500 c/o P.M. S.F.	Missionary to Japan		
Kohler, Henry I., D.D.	1919	1930	S	328 E. 71st St., Los Angeles 3	Bethany	H. G. Vogel	7700 Miramonte Blvd., Los Angeles
Lenhardt, Howard A.	1945		S	2951 N. Fair Oaks Ave., Altadena	Altadena		
Lindsay, H. C.	1936	1940	S	1120 N. 3rd St., Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	Gilbert E. Olson	Rt. 6, Box 1148, Phoenix, Ariz.
Linton, Kenneth E.	1947	1948	N	P.O. Box 782, Yreka	Mt. Zion		
Lorimer, Harold J.	1944	1944	S	900 Story Pl., Alhambra	Grace	D. B. Bennett	2108 Jackson Ave., San Gabriel
Lovekamp, George H.	1948	1948	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 5			
Lucas, Herman	1923	1925	N	269 Dolores St., San Francisco 3	St. Matthew's		
Mattson, Edward J., S.T.D.	1927	1947	N	916 Fresno Ave., Berekley 7	No. Calif. Luth. Welfare. Council		
Mertz, Louis F.	1946	1947	S	3806 San Anseline Ave., Long Beach 8	Lakewood	Sigmund J. Hage	3839 Radnor Ave., Lakewood City
Miley, Chas. A.	1929	1946	N	810 Harrison Ave., Fresno 3	First	Wm. Alva Shafer	Rt. 1, Box 262, Fresno
Miley, Dwight L.	1926	1947	N	380 18th Ave., S.F. 21	First		
Miller, Eldon R.	1944	1944	N	15 Latona St., San Francisco 24	Temple	George C. Lohman	563 Moultrie St., San Francisco 24
Nield, John B., Ph.D.	1943	1943	S	2506 So. Bronson, Ave., L. A. 16	St. Mark's	Russell A. McCrillis	1056 W. 51st St., Los Angeles 37
Oslund, J. Edward	1938	1938	N	5 Sunnyside Dr., Reno, Nev.	Good Shepherd	John A. Lang	950 Dell St., Reno, Nev.
Robison, David E.	1937	1947	S	204 N. McNees Ave., Whittier	Salem	Luke P. Hahn	706 Worsham Dr., Whittier
Romeis, H. Paul	1931	1936	S	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena 4	Trinity	Clarence L. Derr	2023 Galbreth Rd., Pasadena
Romeis, Robert S.	1938	1938	N	1709 "L" St., Sacramento 14	St. John's	John A. Nelson	3501 "I" St., Sacramento 16
Scherer, Henry H.	1928	1943	S	1329 S. Alvarado St., L.A. 6	Advent	Martin H. Smedberg	3840 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles
Scholl, Titus R.	1938	1946	S	1919 E. Silver St., Tucson, Ariz.	Our Saviour		
Schwegler, H. G.	1929	1948	N	3045 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley 5	St. Michael's	James Robertson	5732 Clover Dr., Oakland

Smith, Frederick A., Ph.D.	1936	1943	S	2721 E. Florence Av., Huntington Park	St. Luke's	Rudolph L. Kluck	6931 Wilcox Ave., Bell
Soldan, A. J., D.D.	1901	1929	S	11421 Waterford St., Los Angeles 24	Westwood Village		
Spindt, George A.	1945	1945	S	1109 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara	Grace	Jorgen H. Jendresen	821 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara
Spirer, Edward N.	1930	1931	S	6616 Irvine Blvd., No. Hollywood	St. Matthew's	Chas. G. Hilger	11211 Blix St., No. Hollywood
Strickler, Gerald B.	1946	1947	S	5552 Willowcrest., No. Hollywood	St. Matthew's Asst. Past.		
Stuhr, Walter	1931	1948	S	2500 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra	Home for The Aged	Mrs. Charles S. Izenour	617 Martel, Los Angeles 36
Stump, John P.	1940	1948	S	1308 Salisbury Rd., La Canada	Ev. L. C. in Foothills	Dr. J. H. Kramer	2550 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta
Swanson, Franklin A.	1938	1942	S	8320 S. Rayford Dr., L.A. 45	Transfiguration	Joseph G. Beerer	500 Virginia St., El Segundo
Tambert, Carl V.	1932	1945	S	1303 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale 2	First	Fritz J. Bowman	543 W. Stocker St., Glendale 2
Vosseler, Erwin A.	1920	1941	S	3744 Robinson Pl., San Diego	First	Harvey L. Muck, Sr.,	3694-33rd St., San Diego 4
Wagner, Donald E.	1945	1945	N	659 - 16th St., Oakland 12	First	Mrs. Chas. Remmers	4117 Howe St., Oakland 11
Weaver, J. Benner	1944	1944	S	3120 W. 81st St., Inglewood	Trinity		
Wentz, Frederick K.	1945	1945	S	3835¼ Keystone Ave., Culver City	Grace	Amos Clark	3252 Fay Ave., Los Angeles 34
Wolpert, Paul H.	1943	1943	N	4135 - 14th Ave., Sacramento 17	First	Roland L. McKern	5324 - 21st Ave., Sacramento 17
Youngquist, Theodore A.	1946	1947	N	5317 - 11th Ave., Sacramento 17	St. Paul's	Ray S. Carter	3156 Kroy Way, Sacramento 17
Vacant			N	59 E. Julian St., San Jose	Grace	George F. Kohl	246 S. 1st St., Rm. 407, San Jose 17
Wharton, Paul C.			S	3040 Santa Fe Ave., Long Beach 10	Faith		

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CHAPLAINS

Dyreson, Delmar L.	1931	1934	S	1137 Woodard Bldg., Washington 5, D.C.
May, Erwin T.	1931	1934	S	Army
Vosseler, Lawrence C.	1941	1941	S	U.S.N.
Wright, Edward D.	1923	1937	S	U.S.N.R.

CLERICAL ROLL

RETIRED	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER
Becker, Otto	1912	1941	N	344 East 92nd St., Los Angeles 3
Broyer, John R., Ph.D.	1896	1912	N	1622 Great Highway, San Francisco 22
Bosserman, Homer L.	1910	1936	S	Rt. 5, Box 156, Tucson, Ariz.
Brandes, William	1888	1896	N	3266 Liberty Ave., Alameda
Crouser, Wm. E., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1898	1902	N	1147 Brace Ave., San Jose
Fieblekorn, Albert	1903	1921	S	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia
Groseclose, Albert L.	1911	1945	S	99 N. Chester Ave., Pasadena 4
Harshman, L. A.	1907	1944	S	717 S. Burlington, Los Angeles 5
Harter, Norman N.	1895	1911	S	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles
Hoick, Edward J., D.D.	1894	1898	S	1041 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles 37
Isham, Arthur A.	1907	1912	S	832 Alvarado St., Redlands
Jatho, Adolph	1887	1895	N	1634 Adeline St., Oakland
Leech, Harvey M.	1894	1919 (1912)	S	2500 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra
Maggart, C. W., D.D.	1882	1926 (1892)	S	2023 W. 82nd St , Los Angeles
Meyer, Emil	1900	1919	N	3900 Lakeshore, Oakland 10
Miller, Carl A.	1925	1941	S	1201 Clay St., Redlands, Calif.
Miller, Wm. C., S.T.M.	1899	1928	S	Wakeeney, Kans.
Mottern, Warren R., Litt.D. (P.E.M.)	1897	1909	S	211 N. Adams St., Glendale 6
Moyer, F. E.	1912	1944	S	2404 F St., San Diego 2
Poat, Wm. F., LL.D.	1901	1920	S	3710 Mintern St., Riverside
Oehler, Charles F., D.D.	1888	1893	N	1713 J St., Sacramento 14
Schmidt, Henry F.	1895	1930	S	1210 Reynolds Dr., Glendale
Snyder, Daniel J., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1903	1908	S	1732 - 6th Ave., Apt. 1, Oakland
Trabert, E. A., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1898	1919	N	2500 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra
Weaver, H. J., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1894	1900	S	
Yerian, S. H., Ph.D., D.D.	1899	1926	S	4427 59th St., Los Angeles 43
Zeigler, J. A. M., Ph.D., D.D.	1877	1919 (1907)	S	2819 E. California, Huntington Park

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	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	Pastors	Congregations
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph.D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. M. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30

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28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. Wm. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. Wm. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	58	37
39	Sacramento	1930	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	37
40	Long Beach	1931	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	64	37
41	San Francisco	1932	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	68	38
42	Los Angeles	1933	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	65	36
43	Oakland	1934	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	62	36
44	Riverside	1935	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	64	35
45	San Francisco	1936	Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	63	37
46	Phoenix, Arizona	1937	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	66	37
47	Sacramento	1938	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	37
48	Santa Monica	1939	Rev. Howard A. Anspach	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	60	37
49	San Jose	1940	Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	57	36
50	Los Angeles	1941	Rev. Wm. H. Derr	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	38
51	Sacramento	1942	Rev. Wm. H. Derr, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	38
52	Glendale	1943	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	67	39
53	San Francisco	1944	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	68	39
54	Pasadena	1945	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	83	42
55	Oakland	1946	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	90	46
56	Hollywood	1947	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	101	52
57	San Diego	1948	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Carl A. Bell	99	60

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1949—The Rev. Herbert J. Weaver, D.D., Mr. F. C. Noel, Mr. William Capel
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THE CHAPLAIN

To be appointed later by the Executive Committee of Synod

MINUTES

of the

Fifty-seventh Annual Convention of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

of California

FIRST SESSION

San Diego, California, January 26, 1948

The Fifty-seventh Annual Covention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Holy Communion, Liturgists: the Rev. Paul H. Wolpert, the Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler; Administrants: the Rev. H. Paul Romeis and the Rev. A. B. Schwertz; Homolist the Rev. James P. Beasom. Special music was furnished by the choir of First Lutheran Church, San Diego, California.

SECOND SESSION

San Diego, California, January 27, 1948

Theodore A. Youngquist, Chaplain, presented the opening devotions on the theme, "The Message for Men."

The fifty-seventh annual convention was formally opened by President Beasom, using the prescribed Order.

The Roll of Synod was called with 55 Pastors and 32 Lay delegates present.

The motion prevailed that the Synod Attendance Cards distributed by the Secretary be used as the official roll of Synod.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented the program for the Convention. The motion prevailed that their report be adopted.

The following new members were presented to the Synod and welcomed by the President: The Rev. John Stump, the Rev. Howard A. Lenhardt, the Rev. Kenneth E. Linton, the Rev. H. G. Schwegler, Mr. George Lovekamp.

The following guests were presented: The Rev. Alfred Tonness, Ph.D., the Rev. G. Elson Ruff, Litt.D., Editor of "The Lutheran" and official representative of the United Lutheran Church in America to the Convention; the Rev. W. P. Hieronymus, Ph.D., President of Midland College; Mr. Howard L. Logan, President of the Luther League of America and manager of the Los Angeles branch of the publication house.

The motion prevailed that we grant the guests the privilege of a voice on the floor.

The following convention committees were appointed by the President and approved by the Convention.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

President's Report

The Rev. Milus Bonker, Chairman; the Rev. Charles Miley, the Rev. Orval Awerkamp, Mrs. Charles Remmers, Mr. R. L. McKern.

Claims

The Rev. Henry Scherer, Chairman; the Rev. Paul E. Keck, Mr. Carl A. Bell, Mr. David Lingle.

Letters and Papers

The Rev. Guy L. Hudson, Chairman; the Rev. Louis Mertz, Mr. Howard Wiseman.

Tellers

The Rev. David Robison, Chairman; The Rev. Frederick Wentz, The Rev. Gerald Strickler, Mr. John Nelson, Mr. G. Olsen.

Publicity

The Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler, Chairman; The Rev. Howard A. Anspach, The Rev. Quentin P. Garman.

Convention Reporter to The Lutheran

The Rev. Quentin P. Garman.

Chairman of the Layman's Meeting

Mr. Fritz Bowman.

Excuses

The Rev. George Spindt, Chairman; The Rev. Charles P. Smith, The Rev. Titus Scholl, Mr. Wm. Capel.

Assistant to the Secretary

The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser.

The motion prevailed that the President of Synod be asked to read his report.

THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

"Grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

> "It hath seemed good unto me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God hath wrought toward me (us). How great are His signs! how highty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His Dominion is from generation to generation." Daniel 4:2-3.

We Give Thanks: We give thanks unto almighty God for His protection and care through another year, for He has been with us, and it appears that He has been pleased to accomplish through us, unworthy though we may be in this holy office, great wonders. We are aware that it is His doing, for that which has been achieved could not have been were it not for His Help.

We marvel at the signs of His presence and the results of His guidance. He has given fields white unto the harvest. He has answered the prayers for laborers. He has provided us with the means to carry on His work. Congregations praising Him and living serviceably have not only come into existence, but to those already planted and watered, He has brought an increase in membership and love. Benevolent funds have been given to all of the agencies of the larger church. An institution of mercy has been born; a camp for youth has been purchased. How great are the signs! How mighty are His wonders!

Moreover, He has given unto us those with whom we are to labor: Committees of Synod, Boards of the Church, Officers of our national Body. All have worked magnificently together. We could not have either planned this or brought it about, but He has done it. Even when we pause in sadness at the passing of a beloved co-worker in the kingdom, we are aware that He raises up another. No one is indispensable, for His dominion is from generation to generation. How marvelous is the Most High God!

We will have failed in this report if He is not seen in all achievements. In the signs and wonders recorded, He is the author. Let us give thanks unto Him and sing forth His praises.

Laymen: Congregations are first of all laymen, souls called, gathered and sanctified by the Lord. We must record the glorious accomplishments of this

noble army. We must thank each for his support of the program of the church. Another year the benevolences have been paid in full to meet the crying needs of the larger work of God's kingdom. Another year Lutheran World Action funds have been oversubscribed to spread the loving arm of our Lord over a devastated world to bring hope and life to a sad people. Another year local congregations have been given the means to expand their missionary efforts in their own communities. Laymen have given not only of their means, but also of their time and talents.

Some of these laymen, God has called through His church to places of service and they have done exceedingly well. We record the names of only a few. Mr. Howard Logan has been elevated to the high office of the presidency of the Luther League of America and is serving faithfully and well. Mr. F. J. Bowman, a member of the Home Mission Committee of Synod, has brought leadership to the men of Synod and has piloted in a magnificent way the Brotherhood of the Southern Conference. Mrs. Peter Kramer, the president of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society, has given inspiration and leadership to the women of the Church both in the Islands and on the mainland. Mrs. Charles Izenour, the Director of the Women's Fellowships for the California Lutheran Home, has been tireless in her service for the Lord. One of the Jewels the Master has permitted us to know, Mr. F. C. Noel, has continued his long years of valuable service to the Synod and the Church at large. To these and many unnamed heroes of the faith, we express the appreciation of the grateful people of our Lord.

Pastors: Pastors are laymen called to special service in the church and ordained as Ministers of the Church to preach the Word and administer the Sacraments. As laymen, they are missionaries, for to all who name the Name of Christ is the command given to go into all the world. This task must always be understood as the responsibility to all members of the Church. It is our purpose here to express our gratitude unto God for giving to us not only pastors consecrated to the tasks for which they have been ordained, but for the faithful missionaries our pastors are. They have done a glorious work during the past twelve months.

All of our pastors have served the larger church on special committees of Synod; some have served in executive positions. For all of these special services we would offer our petitions of thanksgiving. It would not be out of place to call to the attention of the Church the faithful services of a few: the Rev. H. Paul Romeis, the president of the Northern Conference and the Director of Lutheran World Action in Synod; the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., the president of the Southern Conference and the able financial assistant in the funding of the debt on the California Lutheran Home, and the Rev. Carl V. Tambert, the Stewardship chairman of Synod who has given so freely of his energies and time in this period of our special emphasis.

The President's Office: Your president has enjoyed the office provided by the First English Lutheran Church of Los Angeles in its beautiful church plant, for which Synod contributes a small amount for utilities and services. For this kindness, your president wishes to thank this loyal congregation and its pastor.

During the year Mrs. Jeanne Rubrecht found it necessary to resign as the secretary to the president of Synod. During the interim, Mrs. Robert Inslee assisted the president from time to time without cost, while a few others were paid for interim services. In September, Lydia Jeanne Rigel accepted the position and has served well in her new office. To each of these, we express our thanks.

Three years have now passed since the office of the president was established on a full-time basis. The Lord has been good to us during these years and has blessed us in many ways too numerous to recount, but He has especially made it possible for the president and the congregations of Synod to work together in a great degree of harmony. In the few instances of differences, He has found a way to bring about a solution, and we come to the close of the year and the beginning of another with less friction existing and with greater goodwill among all than at any period in almost six years that your present president has been in office. It is the Lord that is bringing us to be "in one accord." Let us strive always for it.

Your president is not only conscious of his many mistakes and failures, but especially is he aware of the vast amount of that which should have been done that he has not done. He places these before God and His Church in sincere confession begging forgiveness.

The Synod's Business: The business of Synod is now big business. We have grown through these years from one of the smaller synods of the church to one approaching the size of some of the larger ones. Where we handled a few hundred dollars before, we are now handling many thousands of dollars. Our forward program has already passed the million dollar mark and our plans call for another million dollars in expenditures for advance work on our territory.

This larger work requires a vast amount of traveling on the part of your president, with many nights away from home. This year over 40,000 miles have been traveled by car, over 25,000 by railroad and about 5,000 by air. The work in the office is increasing rather than decreasing. The correspondence that required filing in cabinets during the past year has filled more than three drawers of the files. Two hundred fifty-five dollars have been spent for stamps alone, which would mean that over 5,000 first class or air mail letters have been written and sent. Your president continues to preach many sermons, deliver many addresses, attend many conferences. It is his prayer that God may be using him in all of these. The unfinished tasks of the kingdom are pressing. The time is short.

Our Territory: In conference with the presidents of our neighboring sister synods of the United Lutheran Church in America and a representative of the Executive Board of the ULCA, it was agreed that the territory of the California Synod would cover the states of Arizona, Nevada, California and the Territory of Hawaii. That no congregation within the territory of a synod in the far west would be accepted by a sister synod in any dispute between the congregation and the synod of which it was a part. These two items will come to us for special action.

In this vast area allocated to our care, there are many fields awaiting the ministry of the Church for which we are definitely responsible. It is our purpose to continue our missionary program. During the past year seven congregations have been organized and one other has been brought into existence since the first of the year. All eight of them will be presented for reception at this convention of Synod.

We congratulate each of these new missions and express our gratitude to each of the pastor-organizers: the Rev. Franklin Swanson, the Rev. Louis Mertz, the Rev. Paul Gerberding, the Rev. Willis Forsyth, the Rev. Quentin Garman, the Rev. J. Edward Oslund, the Rev. Kenneth Linton and the Rev. John P. Stump. The Rev. Elvin Hansen and the Rev. Lester Keasey assisted in the organization of Mt. Zion, Yreka, California.

Nevada: With the organization of the Ev. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd at Reno, Nevada, under the pastoral leadership of the Rev. J. Edward Oslund, Synod enters another State in its territory. It is our hope that there will be several sister congregations soon in this new area of Synod.

Sixty Congregations: The Synod now consists of sixty congregations, with over twenty-five thousand members. All the congregations are doing well and are located in challenging fields. Some of them are making extremely rapid progress. A few of them face problems in our changing west. These sixty congregations now own and operate for the first time the California Lutheran Home for the Aged and the California Lutheran Camp. They have on their territory one of the most beautiful branch stores of the United Lutheran Publication House. And they are planning the establishment of a Lutheran Theological Seminary for the west coast. Truly the Church in this far west is marching on.

The California Lutheran Home: The man of the year of the California Synod is the Rev. Edward N. Spirer. It has been primarily through his efforts that the Synod now possesses one of the finest homes for the aged in the State of California. It has been so described by State Inspectors and national leaders. Pastor Spirer gave not only of his time and intelligent direction but also of his

own strength in the rebuilding of the main house of the former James J. Hill estate, so that it could be transformed into a usable plant for a home. In doing this he enlisted the aid of a large number of pastors and laymen, who served in many capacities in the rebuilding program. Besides, he found craftsmen who were willing to give their services at reduced costs and building material companies who were willing to sell us the needed goods and equipment at wholesale, so that we were able to save over ten thousand dollars in the program. Added to this, Pastor Spirer has continued as business manager, doing the buying at the Home, continually saving us many dollars each month. All of this has been done with the finest Christian spirit. He is our man of the year. The details on the Home will be found in the report of the Board for the Home for the Aged.

The California Lutheran Camp: In cooperation with the California Lutheran Hospital, Synod has been given the possession of the property of the California Lutheran Camp in the San Bernardino Mountains, with assets of nearly twenty-five thousand dollars, at a cost of about twenty-five hundred dollars. Synod wishes to express to the members of the Lutheran Hospital Society of Southern California, to Mr. Ritz Heerman, the superintendent, and to Mr. F. C. Noel, the president, the appreciation of Synod in this transaction. Synod will need to raise about ten thousand dollars this year to bring the camp to its full usefulness to Synod for an all summer program of camping.

Our College and Seminary: Considerable time has been given to the educational institutions supported by Synod. It has been deemed wise to separate Western Seminary from Midland College, and the new constitution for the new seminary will come before synod for action. During these days of rapid expansion of our educational institutions and the increased prices of everything, Synod should continue its full support of these schools. There remains about three thousand dollars on our pledge to the forward Midland Campaign; this should be paid at once. It is hoped that Synod will make some provision for this payment. Representing our schools at Synod is the Rev. W. P. Hieronymus, Ph.D., the president. We welcome him to our convention and urge the delegates to give to his message thoughtful consideration.

Our Students: Our greatest need is men for the ministry and women for our church work. Although we have the largest number of students in our history studying for fulltime service, we fall far below the number needed to man our field. Every pastor and lay delegate should study the high school students in their congregation and place before those felt to be prepared spiritually and mentally the call to the gospel ministry and fulltime service in the church. To those students needing financial aid to accomplish their education, Synod will always try to give assistance.

The U.L.C.A.: In 1918 the merger of the General Council, the General Synod and the General Synod South into the United Lutheran Church in America took place. As a fitting anniversary appeal in these days of crying needs, the Cleveland convention voted to seek a double budget in 1948. To this Synod this is a MUST. We are aware of the pressing demands for funds. If our area is to be taken for Christ with those of the world over, we must not fail. Every congregation must plan early to meet these needs. Payments of more than the double apportionment should be sent in every month to the treasurer of Synod. Let us enter into the fellowship of Double Discipleship.

Lutheran World Action: The goal of $10,000,000 for L.W.A. has been passed. Synod raised its quota almost 130%. This brings our emergency relief funds to a total of twenty-one millions of dollars. But the emergency is not over. No one thinks so. All are cognizant of the hunger, the cold, the spiritual starvation rampant in the world. Our minimum L.W.A. needs for 1948 will be $4,000,000. Our people have never failed to reach the 100% and then go the second mile. Let us keep that record. Give to all of the people all of the information given to the churches. An informed people will give liberally.

Lutheran World Federation: The California Synod rejoices in the formation of the Lutheran World Federation, brought into existence at Lund, Sweden, during this past year. As members of the United Lutheran Church in America,

we hold membership in this world body and enjoy the fellowship of those of the Faith of Augsburg the world over. Our prayers are for our new world leaders that God may work through them to strengthen and to build His Church.

Salaries: The financial status of our pastors continues to weight heavily upon all of us. Each congregation must restudy the salary paid its pastor. There should be a minimum rise of 10% over that paid during 1947 to meet the increased costs. Our pastors must be given adequate compensation, so that they may be able to serve the Lord without worry over their personal finances. Most of our congregations are fulfilling their responsibility to their pastors, but all must do so.

We are grateful for the response of the congregations to the request made last year for pastoral pensions. Almost all of our congregations and almost all of our active pastors in our established churches are members of our ULCA Contributary Pension Plan. Valiant service was rendered Synod in this program by the Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D., who visited many of our congregations presenting the plan before church councils and congregations.

Our Publications: Our local synodical news is given to our congregations gratis through our Golden State Lutheran. Ten thousand copies are printed. Our people should have these copies. We are depending upon the congregations for their distribution. It is a loss to Synod when this is not adequately done. Each congregation should study this problem of local distribution.

Through the pages of the LUTHERAN, the work of our church at large is given. It should be in every home of every member of every congregation of Synod. We failed miserably in this last subscription campaign. It is not enough to announce the campaign, it must be systematically pushed. The LUTHERAN will keep our people informed, and an informed people will support both the local and larger church with time, talents, and means.

We are fortunate to have as the official representative of the United Lutheran Church in America to our Convention, the Rev. G. Elson Ruff, Litt.D., the editor of the LUTHERAN. He is one of the best informed churchmen in America, and one of the strongest leaders in our U.L.C.A. We welcome him to our territory.

Evangelism: The first responsibility of the church is always evangelism. The job is never completed. This is especially true in a field such as has been allotted to us. Many millions of souls are placed within our care. Most of them are unchurched and pagan. The Board of Social Missions of our U.L.C.A is sending to us the Rev. Royal Lesher to direct a special program of Evangelism to take place between Easter and Pentecost.

Division of Church Extension: As the evangelism program expands our existing congregations and brings into being new congregations, we are confronted with physical needs of church buildings. To meet these needs Synod has established a Division of Church Extension and called the Rev. Edward N. Spirer as the executive director. Our first building programs under this division are now in the process of construction at the Beverly Hills Lutheran Church, the Rev. Guy L. Hudson, pastor, and at Whittier, the Rev. David L. Robison, pastor. It is hoped more churchly and more adequate buildings may be erected under this plan with less expense to the congregations.

FIVE POINT PROGRAM FOR 1948:

I. EVANGELISM: Each congregation shall carry out an intensive program of evangelism throughout the year with the end in mind of at least a 10% gain in membership by December 31, 1948.

   Each congregation will enter the synodical-wide evangelism program between Easter and Pentecost, using the materials and the assistance afforded by the ULCA Board of Social Missions.

   Each congregation will make a thorough study of its membership to reclaim all lapsed members, to transfer to other congregations all members removed from its parish, and enlist all members in an active participation in the

evangelism effort through faithful church attendance, the bringing of visitors to the worship services with them, the visitation of the unchurched in the parish and the invitation to the unchurched for membership.

II. ENLISTMENT: Each congregation will make a careful study of its membership to enlist all of its members in an active participation in all of the activities of the congregation.

Each congregation shall make a survey of all of its youth attending high schools or schools of higher learning and shall place before those considered to be worthy to serve as full-time workers within the Church the challenge of the gospel ministry and the other ministries of the Church.

Each congregation will encourage all of its women to join the Women's Missionary Society, all of its men to join the Brotherhood and all of its youth to join the Luther League.

Each congregation shall hold a community-wide enlistment program for Church school scholars, using the helps provided by the Parish and Church School Board.

III. EXPANSION: Each congregation shall study its program with the thought in mind of expanding its services in the parish through the increasing of the number of church services, services of holy communion, services to shut-ins, religious educational classes, religious and social activities, etc.

Each congregation shall make a study of its physical assets to see that they are covered adequately by insurance, protected by faithful care (Repainted and rebuilt when needed), and used to the best service to the kingdom.

Each congregation should study its physical property in the light of enlargement of its plant for an enlarged congregational program. Each congregation should own a parsonage and should keep it modernized, in good repair and painted.

Each congregation should study the possibility of feeder Sunday Schools in areas unchurched near the parish and the use of Church School busses to transport scholars from fields without Lutheran ministrations.

Each congregation should strive for a 10% increase in attendance at worship services and at Sunday School. A determined effort should be made to enroll every possible scholar in a catechetical class.

IV. ENRICHMENT: Each congregation shall participate in a synod-wide campaign for the raising of funds for local purposes. (To be held in the fall of 1948.)

Congregations having debts will do all in their power to reduce or to eliminate these during 1948 either through funds raised in the concerted effort of Synod or through a local campaign.

Congregations seeking to erect church buildings shall use the services provided by the Synod's Division of Church Extension either for erection of the buildings or for consultation or both.

Each congregation shall encourage its members to remember the church institutions in their wills, especially the California Lutheran Home for the Aged. Congregations shall, likewise, encourage the use of the Memorial Cards for the Home.

V. EXTENSION: Each congregation shall forceably carry on a program for the 1948 Double Apportionment, so that the kingdom might be extended both at home and overseas.

Each congregation shall commit itself to a minimum of 100% of its Lutheran World Action quota, so that the ministry of mercy to the stricken areas of the world might be continued and extended.

Each congregation shall encourage its members to support the California Lutheran Home for the Aged by a Harvest Home Festival of supplies for the Home, by encouraging memberships in the Women's Fellowship chapters of the Home and the Social Missions Society of Southern California, and by direct contributions.

Each congregation shall assist Synod in the planting of new missions. (To keep the members informed, each congregation should see that the Golden State Lutherans are adequately distributed to its membership and that each home has a copy of the Lutheran.)

Statistics and Official Acts:

1. RESIGNATIONS:

January 31, 1947, The Rev. Arthur C. Knudten, St. Michael's, Berkeley.
April 9, 1947, The Rev. Lester D. Keasey, Asst. Pastor, Trinity, Pasadena.
June 1, 1947, The Rev. Glenn O. Balsley, Board Missionary.
June 3, 1947, The Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D., Trinity, Pasadena.
August 15, 1947, The Rev. George N. Thompson, Altadena.
August 31, 1947, The Rev. Robert J. Marshall, Grace, Alhambra.
September 15, 1947, The Rev. Earl J. Johnson, Board Missionary.
November 21, 1947, The Rev. Harold J. Lorimer, Grace, San Jose.
December 25, 1947, The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, First, Oakland.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Fred H. Bartelt, Board Missionary.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. L. A. Failing, Board Missionary.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Willis J. Forsyth, Board Missionary.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Quentin P. Garman, Board Missionary.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Dwight L. Miley, Board Missionary.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. David E. Robison, Board Missionary.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, Board Missionary.

2. CALLS ACCEPTED:

February 20, 1947, The Rev. H .G. Schwegler, St. Michael's, Berkeley.
May 25, 1947, The Rev. Glenn O. Balsley, St. Paul's, Vallejo.
November 21, 1947, The Rev. Harold J. Lorimer, Grace, Alhambra.
December 25, 1947, The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, Trinity, Pasadena.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Fred H. Bartelt, St. James, Richmond.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. L. A. Failing, Luther Memorial, Burbank.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Willis J. Forsyth, Redeemer, El Monte.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Quentin P. Garman, Christ, San Diego.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Dwight L. Miley, First English, San Francisco.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. David E. Robison, Salem, Whittier.
December 31, 1947, The Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, Transfiguration, Los Angeles.

3. INSTALLATIONS:

February 2, 1947, The Rev. Frederick K. Wentz, Grace, Culver City.
February 23, 1947, The Rev. Donald W. Endter, Faith, Phoenix.
March 9, 1947, The Rev. Titus R. Scholl, Our Saviour's, Tucson.
June 29, 1947, The Rev. Glenn O. Balsley, St. Paul's, Vallejo.
June 29, 1947, The Rev. H. G. Schwegler, St. Michael's, Berkeley.

4. DISMISSALS:

June 11, 1947, The Rev. Robert Wheatley, The Pacific Synod.
October 1, 1947, The Rev. George N. Thompson, The Ministerium of Pennsylvania.
November 1, 1947, The Rev. Lloyd Jacobson, The Pacific Synod.

5. ORDINATION:

May 18, 1947, The Rev. Robert Wheatley, at First, Los Angeles.

6. ORGANIZATION OF CONGREGATIONS:

March 16, 1947, The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration, Los Angeles.

May 15, 1947, The Lakewood Ev. Lutheran Church, Long Beach.

May 25, 1947, Trinity United Ev. Lutheran Church, Pomona.

June 1, 1947, The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, El Monte.

June 8, 1947, Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, San Diego.

December 7, 1947, The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Reno.

December 14, 1947, Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Yreka.

January 25, 1948, The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Foothills, Montrose-La Canada, California.

7. DEDICATIONS:

April 27, 1947, Church and Parish House, Grace, Culver City.

July, 27, 1947, Church, Transfiguration, Los Angeles.

July 27, 1947, Church and Parish House, Trinity, Pomona.

December 28, 1947, California Lutheran Home for the Aged, Alhambra.

Grateful unto God we record the accomplishments of a year as we press on in the task and on the territory which the Lord our Master has assigned. May He send His Holy Spirit to keep up strong in the faith, faithful to the task, and always full of the blessed gospel of His love. Amen.

Humbly and respectfully submitted,

JAMES PRINCE BEASOM, President

The motion prevailed that the President's Report be received with a rising vote of commendation and referred to the proper committee for study and recommendation.

Mr. Carl A. Bell presented the Treasurer's Report.

INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT—GENERAL

CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Year Ending December 31, 1947

California Synod Receipts			$27,102.47
Salary of President		$ 5,000.00	
President's Office & Travel Expense		4,292.25	
Pension Plan Expense		200.00	
Salary President's Secretary		1,438.45	
Utilities-Office		300.00	
Other Synodical Salaries		570.00	
Synodical Minutes		1,100.00	
Synodical Supplies		700.65	
Other Synodical Expenses		2,764.80	
Ministerial Education		1,320.00	
Golden State Lutheran		622.22	
Yosemite Park Church		75.00	
Sequoia Park Church		50.00	
Calif. Lutheran Camp Development		1,000.00	
Total Expenses			$19,433.37
Synod Operating Funds on Hand			7,669.10
Cash in Bank		$11,611.65	
Funds Payable and Reserves:			
Apportionment	$ 165.77		
Midland College	205.00		
New Mission Reserve	415.67		
Division Church Extension	1.101.49		
Lutheran World Action	434.36		
Youth Camp Reserve	688.00		
Lutheran Student Foundation	305.05		
Foreign Missions	80.93		
Lutheran Welfare Council No. Calif.	50.00		
Lutheran Welfare Council So. Calif.	100.00		
Children of the Church	61.28		
Protestant Weekday Religious Education	25.00		
Lutheran Camp Receipts	10.00		
Other Benevolences	300.00		
		$ 3,492.55	
Synod Operating Funds on Hand			$ 7,669.10

CHURCH EXTENSION DIVISION

Year Ending December 31, 1947

Cash Received from Synod				$ 3,000.00
Disbursements:				
Superintendent's Salary			$ 400.00	
Beverly Hills—Materials	$ 725.75			
Beverly Hills—Payrolls	295.90			
			$ 1,021.65	
Payroll Taxes—Federal—Beverly Hills			2.96	
Payroll Taxes—State—Beverly Hills			7.99	
Misc. Expenses—Beverly Hills			1.18	
Total Disbursements				$ 1,433.78
Net Operating Funds on Hand				$ 1,566.22
Cash in Bank			$ 1,101.49	
Petty Cash			500.00	
			$ 1,601.49	
Accounts Payable				
Federal Incomes Taxes Withheld	$ 18.38			
FOAB Withheld	2.97			
State Unemployment Ins. Withheld	2.97			
Employer's Federal & State Payroll Taxes	10.95			
Total Accounts Payable			$ 35.27	
Net Operating Funds on Hand				$ 1,566.22

HOME MISSION ACCOUNTS

December 31, 1947

	Credit	Debit
Apportionment Receipts		$ 2,456.79
Net Worth		12,016.39
Altadena Loan Receivable	$,150.00	
Luth. Memorial Burbank Parsonage	9,978.24	
Luth. Memorial Burbank Bank of America		3,978.77
Luth. Memorial Burbank Board of American Missions		5,625.00
Luth. Memorial Burbank Property	25.72	
El Monte Parsonage	9,555.88	
El Monte So. Counties Bank		4,313.73
El Monte Board of American Missions		4,987.50
El Monte Property	4,086.32	
El Monte Board of American Missions #1		1,500.00
El Monte Board of American Missions #2		2,500.00
La Canada Parsonage	12,810.49	
La Canada, Bank of America, Glendale		6,446.84
La Canada Home for Aged		5,500.00
Lakewood Village Parsonage	12,246.91	
Lakewood Village Peoples Bank		5,416.08
Lakewood Village Board of American Missions		6000.00
Faith, Long Beach		31.32
Faith, Long Beach Note Receivable	800.00	
Loyola Village Parsonage	11,561.55	
Loyola Village FHA Calif. Western States		5,176.39
Loyola Village Board of American Missions		6,400.00
Loyola Village Note Receivable	303.09	
St. Paul's, Montebello	42.26	
Ocean Beach Parsonage	8,319.35	

Ocean Beach Board of American Missions		8,187.50
Ocean Beach Property	6,842.00	
Ocean Beach Board of American Missions		2,500.00
Pacific Beach Parsonage	10,147.06	
Pacific Beach Bank of America, San Diego		4,781.54
Pacific Beach Board of American Missions		5,425.00
Pacific Beach Property	16,874.96	
Pacific Beach Board of American Missions		16,437.50
Pomona Parsonage	10,351.13	
Pomona A. W. Mitchell		3,703.54
Pomona Board of American Missions		3,368.75
Pomona Property		17.78
Pomona Board of American Missions		2,775.00
Reno Parsonage	14,865.01	
Reno Board of American Missions #1		7,000.00
Reno Board of American Missions #2		7,000.00
Richmond, St. James Parsonage	8,867.71	
Richmond, St. James Mechanics Bank		3,500.00
Richmond, St. James Board of American Missions		5,000.00
Richmond, St. James Property	84.54	
Sacramento, St. Paul's Parsonage	87.63	
Whittier Parsonage	7,237.94	
Whittier Board of American Missions		2,015.00
Whittier Board of American Missions		4,930.00
Yreka Parsonage		157.44
Yuma, Expense		23.43
Grants and Gifts to Churches	2,775.19	
Cash on Hand	1,158.31	
	$149,171.29	$149,171.29

HOME FOR AGED

Receipts and Expense Statement

Year Ending December 31, 1947

Receipts from Church and Other Gifts	$39,848.25	
Receipts from Synod—Apportionment	3,461.77	
Receipts—Appropriated	2,854.97	
Receipts—Memorials	55.00	
Receipts—Entrance Deposits	6,701.68	
Receipts—Care	1,605.00	$54,526.67
Receipts—Donated—Food	321.54	
Receipts—Donated—Labor, Material, Furnishing	15,284.00	
Receipts—Donated—Architects Fees	2,400.00	
Receipts—Jebbia Donation—House at Gate	10,000.00	
Receipts—Misc. Donations	4,609.60	$32,615.14
Total Receipts 1947		$87,141.81
Balance January 1, 1947		2,368.95
Total Receipts		$89,510.76

Expenses:

Interest	$ 1,465.00	
Staff Salaries	937.50	
Caretaker (previous to opening)	1,597.50	
Utilities	661.13	
Maintenance Expense	211.36	
Stationery and Printing	818.45	
Insurance Premiums	354.33	
County Taxes	562.33	
Food Supplies	995.19	
Travel Expense	85.20	
Auditing Expense	100.00	
Business Management Expense	100.00	
Laundry Expense	21.35	
Depreciation	2,080.54	
Misc. Expenses	698.14	
Total Expenses		$10,688.02
Net Receipts		$78,822.74

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Balance Sheet

Year Ending December 31, 1947

ASSETS			
Bank of America		$30,433.73	
Petty Cash		100.00	
Note Receivable—La Canada		5,500.00	
Note Receivable—Church Extension		3,000.00	
Total Quick Assets			$39,033.73
Real Estate	$85,000.00		
Improvements to Building	23,772.50		
	108,772.50		
Less Reserve for Depreciation—Bldgs	1,267.72	107,504.78	
Furnishings and Equipment	16,256.40		
Less Reserve for Depr.—Furn. & Equip	812.82	15,443.58	
Food Inventory		325.00	
Preliminary Expenses—Cottages		573.77	
Total Other Assets			123,847.13
Total Assets			162,880.86
LIABILITIES			
Note Payable—J. Hartley Taylor	$20,000.00		
Note Payable— First Church, San Francisco	10,000.00		
Note Payable—Russell Fray	5,000.00		
Note Payable—Rev. Harter	800.00	35,800.00	
Federal Income Taxes Withheld		58.40	
Funds on Deposit—Mrs. Martinson		70.00	
Funds on Deposit—Mr. and Mrs. Schrickle		5,098.22	
Accrued Compensation Insurance		31.50	
Funds on Deposit for Cottages		10,000.00	
Total Liabilities			51,058.12
Net Worth		33,000.00	
Balance Receipts—1946	2,368.95		
Total Receipts—1947	89,141.81		
	89,510.76		
Total Expenses—1947	10,688.02	78,822.74	
Total Net Worth			111,822.74
Total Liabilities and Net Worth			162,880.86

The Treasurer's report was received with a rising vote of thanks to Mr. Carl A. Bell for his excellent work, and ordered placed on file subject to audit.

The motion prevailed that the report of the committee on the Constitution be received and adopted seriatim.

The motion prevailed that the report be referred back to the committee for ten minutes for revision.

The Rev. Henry Scherer presented the following report:

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Our beloved Synod continues to manifest in her growth the rich blessing of Almighty God upon us.

PHENOMENAL THIS YEAR was the fact that there was a larger increase in communing than confirmed members. Through four straight years California Synod has shown the largest percentage of increase in communicant members in the United Lutheran Church.

With a national goal of 10% increase in communing membership, we have shown an increase of 16.80%. Of the 52 churches reporting in 1947, 27 have gained 10% or more. Giving registers a tremendous upsurge. Study the statistical reports and rejoice. For the fourth consecutive year each church in Synod is in the 100% bracket on payment of apportionment.

Healthy increases are manifest in all auxiliary groups, except for a slight drop in the number of women who are members of a society. Sunday School scholars and catechumens are on the increase. We need to be much in prayer that the meager six students in seminary may show an increase, and that we may soon have young women in the deaconess training school.

Thirteen congregations grew into the next hundred communing members: Glendale, from 800 to 900; Hollywood, from 700 to 800; Phoenix-Grace, skipping from 500 to 700; Long Beach-Trinity, North Hollywood, Richmond-Grace, San Francisco-St. Mark's, all going up to 400; Inglewood, Los Angeles-Advent, Oakland-First, reaching 300; Burbank, Redlands, Vallejo pass the 100 mark.

In the confirmed list: Los Angeles-First English passes 1000. In baptized membership: Sacramento-St. John's reaches 1000; Long Beach-Trinity, Richmond-Grace, San Diego-First, grew to 750; Fresno-First and Sacramento-First English attain 500.

HOW WELL DO WE HOLD OUR MEMBERS?

Rank in Synod 3 yr. gains	Congregation	1947 adult accessions	1947 gain communicants	1945-47 3 yr. gain communicants
52.	Berkeley	84	19	21
56.	Fresno, First	47	7	7
53.	Fresno, St. Paul's	16	none	15
58.	Fresno, Wartburg	1	none	1
11.	Honolulu	67	43	144 (2 yr.)
54.	Lihue	none	loss 17	11 (2 yr.)
22.	Oakland, First	35	22	87
25.	Reno	75	75	75 (1 yr.)
5.	Richmond, Grace	111	75	181
43.	Oakland, St. John's	16	2	38
40.	Richmond, St. James	28	7	42 (2 yr.)
31.	Sacramento, First English	66	10	56
4.	Sacramento, St. John's	131	60	206
33.	Sacramento, St. Paul's	17	10	51
55.	San Francisco, First English	8	loss 10	8
32.	San Francisco, St. Mark's	83	15	55
51.	San Francisco, St. Matthew's	22	none	22
57.	San Francisco, Temple	20	2	4
48.	Sanger	23	15	26
21.	San Jose	44	17	88
46.	San Mateo	30	loss 2	33
23.	Vallejo	85	59	82
42.	Yreka	58	40	40 (1 yr.)
12.	Alhambra	90	20	140
28.	Altadena	40	loss 9	60

Rank in Synod 3 yr. gains	Congregation	1947 adult accessions	1947 gain communicants	1945-47 3 yr. gain communicants
50.	Beverly Hills	42	1	23
17.	Burbank	43	17	102 (2 yr.)
24.	Culver City	56	30	80
35.	El Monte	62	45	45 (1 yr.)
45.	Gardena	39	8	36
2.	Glendale	129	104	328
1.	Hollywood	185	118	359
30.	Huntington Park	44	21	56
14.	Inglewood	63	40	124
38.	Lakewood	60	42	42 (1 yr.)
19	Long Beach, Faith	27	24	97
10	Long Beach, Trinity	113	103	146
6	Los Angeles, Advent	100	62	169
59	Los Angeles, Bethany	26	7	loss of 20
3	Los Angeles, First English	144	70	253
44	Los Angeles, St. Mark's	17	loss 20	37
37	Los Angeles, St. Paul's	26	21	43
27	Los Angeles, Transfig.	122	62	62 (1 yr.)
9	North Hollywood	114	91	156
39	Pasadena, Trinity	56	none	42
8	Phoenix, Faith	87	55	159
15	Phoenix, Grace	188	131	116
36	Pomona, Trinity	54	45	45 (1 yr.)
49	Redlands, First	23	16	24
16	Riverside, Trinity	56	30	111
18	San Bernardino, First	46	11	100
20	San Diego, Christ	113	96	96 (1 yr.)
34	San Diego, First	91	5	50
41	San Diego, St. Peter's	91	loss 23	40 (2 yr.)
29	Santa Barbara, Grace	27	8	59
13	Santa Monica, St. Paul's	66	35	130
7	Tucson, Our Saviour's	84	46	168
47	Westwood, Village	47	12	32
26	Whittier, Salem	27	12	70 (2 yr.)
	3 year gain for Synod			4,862

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP OF AVERAGE CONGREGATION

Gain over California

Year	ULCA	% Communing	Gain over last year	Calif. Synod.	% Commun.	Gain over last year
1941	204	67.41%	2	148	57.45%	2
1942	205	67.11%	1	154	58.17%	6
1943	207	66.76%	2	173	58.37%	19
1944	211	66.91%	4	188	60.35%	15
1945	215	67.06%	4	195	62.59%	7
1946	224	68.26%	9	207	65.91%	12
1947				213	70.67%	6

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP IN CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Year	Churches with membership of: 100-199	200-299	300 & up	Largest Congregation	
1892	4	2	0	San Francisco, First Eng.	260
1897	6	1	0	Los Angeles, First Eng.	202
1902	3	3	0	San Francisco, First Eng.	251
1907	1	1	2	Los Angeles, First Eng.	315
1912	4	0	2	Los Angeles, First Eng.	388
1917	8	2	1	Los Angeles, First Eng.	454
1922	12	2	3	San Francisco, St. Mark	876
1927	12	3	1	Fresno, St. Paul's	346
1932	12	3	1	Hollywood	341
1937	9	7	1	Hollywood	371
1942	14	6	5	Glendale	467
1947	15	5	17	Glendale	906

Year	Number of Confirmed Members not Communing	Percentage of Confirmed Members not Communing
1947	5,219	29.33%
1946	5,574	34.09%
1945	5,373	37.50%
1944	5,067	39.65%
1943	4.445	40.31%
1942	4,212	41.83%
1941	4,159	42.55%

We started closing the gap in 1947!

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SCHERER, Statistician

The report was adopted.

Mr. Elwood Bailey, a representative of the Mayor of the City of San Diego, brought the greetings of the Mayor and the City.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

The working of God's grace through the churches of Synod in 1947 was again rich and fruitful.

PHENOMENAL THIS YEAR is the report that while we grew 1446 in confirmed membership, our Synod increased 1800, or more communing increase than confirmed. TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

Some of the increases over 1946 are:

Baptized members	2103 or 9.05%
Confirmed members	1446 or 8.85%
Communing members	1800 or 16.80%

(Only five ULCA Synods gained more than 1800 members in 1946)

Sunday School Scholars	1271
Catechumens	212
Members of Men's Societies	208
Members of Mixed Groups	305
Members of Youth Societies	202
Property Value	$734,755
Indebtedness grew but	152,332
Congregational expenditures	157,519
Apportionment paid	10,469
Unapportioned benevolence	1,117
Total expenditures	169,105

May the Holy Spirit lead us into yet more diligent and gracious living in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SCHERER, Statistician

CALIFORNIA SYNOD GROWTH

Year	Commun. Memb.	Gain	Percent	Rank in ULCA	Apportmt. Paid	Rank in ULCA
1947	12,575	1800	16.80	19	58,637	13?
1946	10,775	1785	19.86	19	48,168	15
1945	8,990	1277	16.53	19	38,812	15
1944	7,713	1131	17.03	20	30,709	15
1943	6,582	725	12.38	21	23,408	18
1942	5,857	242	4.32	22	17,500	19
1941	5,615	363	6.93	22	14,389	19
1940	5,252	87	1.68	22	13,562	19

CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Year	No. of Churches	Rank in ULCA	S.S. Pupils	Property Value	Total Expends.	Rank in ULCA
1947	59	16	7751	$2,923,529	$759,155	10?
1946	52	17	6480	2,188,774	590,050	13
1945	46	18	5367	1,595,186	441,561	13
1944	41	19	4983	1,334,598	355,087	13
1943	38	21	4407	1,231,039	276,332	16
1942	38	21	4025	1,177,773	235,587	16
1941	38	21	4613	1,175,131	195,575	17
1940	36	21	4515	1,189,627	176,438	17

CALIFORNIA SYNOD

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP

December 31, 1947

1. Glendale 906
2. Hollywood 872
3. Phoenix, Grace 704
4. Los Angeles, First English 640
5. Sacramento, St. John's 563
6. Richmond, Grace 415
* 7. Long Beach, Trinity 414
8. North Hollywood 406
9. San Francisco, St. Mark's 400
10 Pasadena 350
11. Santa Monica 349
12. Huntington Park 335
24. Riverside 180
25. Los Angeles, St. Mark's 173
26. Tucson 168
27. Phoenix, Faith 159
28. Los Angeles, Bethany 147
29. Fresno, St. Paul's 145
30. Honolulu 144
tie Vallejo 144
32. San Francisco, St. Matthew 132
33. Gardena 123
34. Oakland, St. John's 112
35. Santa Barbara 109
36. Redlands 106

+ 37. Burbank 102
+ 38. Long Beach, Faith 97
+ tie Westwood 96
‡ 39. San Diego, Christ 96
—†41. Altadena 95
—†42. San Mateo 93
+ 43. Los Angeles, St. Paul's 84
— 13. San Diego, First 325
14. Alhambra 321
+ 15. Los Angeles, Advent 311
— 16. Oakland, First 305
+ 17. Inglewood 300
18. Sacramento, First English 258
+ 19. Fresno, First 232
— 20. Beverly Hills 227
21. Berkeley 221
— 22. San Bernardino 213
+ 23. San Jose 183
+ 44. Culver City 80
‡ 45. Reno 75
— 46. San Francisco, Temple 72
— 47. Whittier 70
‡ 48. Los Angeles, Transfiguration 62
—†49. San Francisco, First English 58
— 50. Sacramento, St. Paul's 51

51. Sanger	50	
‡ 52. El Monte	45	
‡ tie Pomona	45	
‡ tie 54. Lakewood	42	
— tie Richmond, St. James	42	
—†56. San Diego, St. Peter's	40	
‡ tie Yreka	40	
— 58. Fresno, Wartburg	37	
—†59. Lihue	11	
Total	12,575	

Net increase: 1800

KEY TO SYMBOLS:
+ Gain in comparative standing
— Loss in comparative standing
† Loss in actual membership
* Not in last year's first ten
‡ New church

COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP GAINS (49)

*+	1. Phoenix, Grace	131	XX
+	2. Hollywood	118	X
—	3. Glendale	104	X
*+	4. Long Beach, Trinity	103	XX
‡ *	5. San Diego, Christ	96	
*+	6. North Hollywood	91	XX
‡ *	7. Reno	75	
—	8. Richmond, Grace	75	XX
—	9. Los Angeles, First Eng	70	X
—	10. Los Angeles, Advent	62	XX
‡	tie Los Angeles, Transfig	62	
—	12. Sacramento, St. John's	60	X
+	13. Vallejo	59	XXX
+	14. Phoenix, Faith	55	XXX
—	15. Tucson	46	XX
‡	16. El Monte	45	
‡	tie Pomona	45	
—	18. Honolulu	43	XX
‡	19. Lakewood	42	
—	20. Inglewood	40	X
‡	tie Yrea	40	
—	22. Santa Monica	35	X
+	23. Culver City	30	XXX
—	tie Riverside	30	XXX
+	25. Westwood	27	XX
+	26. Long Beach, Faith	24	XX
+	27. Oakland, First	22	
	28. Huntington Park	21	
+	tie Los Angeles, St. Paul's	21	X
—	30. Alhambra	20	
—	31. Berkeley	19	
—	32. Burbank	17	XX
—	tie San Jose	17	X
+	34. Redlands	16	X
—	35. San Francisco, St. Mark's	15	
+	tie Sanger	15	XX
—	37. Whittier	12	XX
—	38. San Bernardino	11	
—	39. Sacramento, First English	10	
—	tie Sacramento, St. Paul's	10	XX
—	41. Gardena	8	
—	tie Santa Barbara	8	
+	43. Fresno, First	7	
+	tie Los Angeles, Bethany	7	
—	tie Richmond, St. James	7	XX
—	46. San Diego, First	5	
—	47. Oakland, St. John's	2	
—	48 .San Francisco, Temple	2	
—	49. Beverly Hills	1	
	Total	1881	

KEY TO SYMBOLS:
X 10% gain
XX 20% gain
XXX 50% gain
D 100% gain
* Not in last year's first ten
‡ New

NO GAINS (4)
Fresno, St. Paul's; Fresno, Wartburg; Pasadena; San Francisco, St. Matthew's.

LOSSES (6)

1. San Diego, St. Peters	23
2. Los Angeles, St. Mark's	20
3. Lihue	17
4. San Francisco, First English	10
5. Altadena	9
6. San Mateo	2
	81

Net Gain: 1800

The Rev. Frederick A. Smith presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

The Report of the Executive Committee of Synod, submitted to the 55th Annual Convention in Oakland, January 30th, 1946 recommendations for the reception of four congregations, "subject to approval of the Constitution Committee." The minutes of that convention do not show that such approval was submitted.

Therefore, to complete these important records of Synod, this committee has secured authentic information from the Pastor, or the Secretary of the Council of each of these congregations to the effect that they have adopted the Model Constitution as recommended by the Board of American Missions of the ULCA.

The official statements have been transmitted to the office of the President of Synod for inclusion in the records of the respective congregations and this committee recommends that Synod recognize full compliance for admission has been made by: Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona; St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, Calif.; Our Saviour's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tucson, Arizona; and Grace Lutheran Church, Culver City, California.

The same technicality holds true in connection with the 56th Annual Convention held in Hollywood and the report submitted January 29th, 1947 had the same provision concerning six congregations.

These congregations have also satisfied this committee that they have acceptable constitutions and we, therefore, recommend that Synod recognize full compliance for admission has been made by The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Honolulu, T. H., The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lihue, T. H., Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Burbank, Calif., St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richmond, California, St. Peter's-by-the-Sea Evangelical Lutheran Church, San Diego, California, Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Whittier, California.

From congregations organized since the last convention of Synod, who will submit applications for mmebership to the present convention, we have secured statements that they have adopted the Model Constitiution: they are, Lakewood Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lakewood City, Calif., Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration, Los Angeles, Calif., Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach, Pacific Beach, San Diego, Calif., Redeemer Lutheran Church, El Monte, Calif., Trinity United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pomona, Calif., Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Yreka, Calif., The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Reno, Nevada and Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Foothills, La Canada, California. This committee herewith submits their approval to the applications of these congregations.

The Executive Committee of Synod has transmitted a request for a Constitutional amendment giving definite boundaries to the territory served by this Synod; therefore,

We recommend that Article I, Section 3-A, Paragraph 2, be amended by striking out the words "or contiguous to the natural boundaries of Synod" and in their place substitute the words "the States of California, Arizona, Nevada, and the Territory of Hawaii."

We recommend the addition of a fourth paragraph to the By-Laws Section VI concerning Congregations, to read as follows: 4—Contributory Pension Plan: Any congregation or pastor seeking admission to this Synod shall be participating members of the Contributory Pension Plan of the United Lutheran Church in America, or express their willingness and intention of joining the Plan.

In accord with the recommendations of the United Lutheran Church in America that every congregation have a uniform and official interpretation of what constitutes a communing member,

We recommend that every congregation of Synod incorporate in their constitution or by-laws a definite statement that a communing member is one who has communed at least once during the year.

We further recommend that all congregations received into this Synod after the date of adoption of this ruling, shall be required to incorporate such definition in their constitution or by-laws.

On page 39 of the 56th Annual Report of Synod is reported the official action of Synod, which constitutes the first reading of a Constitutional amendment submitted for the purpose of consolidating the Executive Committee of Synod and the Home Mission Committee.

We recommend the final adoption of this Constitutional Amendment:

Page 7, Article 6, Section 1, Paragraph 1.
Strike out the words, 'one layman' and add 'one clergyman and two laymen'
Page 8, Strike out the words, 'Section 2—The Synodical Home Mission Committee' and all of Paragraphs 1 and 2.
Number Paragraph 3, Paragraph 6.
Strike from Paragraph 4, the words, 'The Synodical Home Mission' and add the word, 'this'.
Make Paragraph 4, number 7; Paragraph 5, number 8; Paragraph 6, number 9; Paragraph 7, number 10.
Then Section 3 becomes Section 2; Section 4 becomes Section 3; Section 5 becomes 4; and Section 6 becomes Section 5.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK A. SMITH, Th.D., Chairman

The report was adopted seriatim.

The Rev. J. E. Hoick presented:

THE HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Time marches on, and nowhere is material and numerical progress more manifest than in California. This is also true in ecclesiastical activities. An executive officer of the Church Federation made the significant statement, "The denomination that is leading in establishing new Missions is the Lutheran Church."

While the Historian is concerned about the Synodical progress, it is highly essential that each Pastor keep a detailed record of the achievements of the local congregation.

J. E. HOICK

The report was adopted.

The Rev. J. E. Hoick presented:

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

The Archives of Synod are being safely and securely deposited in a steel Filing Cabinet in the office of the Synodical President.

The following articles have been placed among the records:

1. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Luther Memorial Church of Burbank, California.
2. Copies of the Minutes of the Synod of California for the year, 1946.

J. E. HOICK

The report was adopted.

The Rev. F. W. Heinecken presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By the grace of God the Women's organizations of Synod have moved forward during the course of this year to complete a glorious task. Not only have they been actively engaged in promoting the missionary cause of the Church at large, but their influence is being prominently felt here at home. Local congregations have been helped and strengthened, new mission congregations have been supported, and, most wonderful of all, they have helped to create a "MIRACLE" at the California Lutheran Home for the Aged.

In addition a large number of unorganized women are serving their church as Sunday School officers and teachers, as Luther League advisors, as choir members, and in other activities of their local congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
F. W. HEINECKEN, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Howard A. Anspach presented:

THE REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I got to prepare a place for you." John 14:2.

Once more we record the names of our fellow workers in the Kingdom who have been called to those mansions in our Father's house:

The Rev. William S. Dysinger, D.D.

William S. Dysinger was born in Juniata County, Pa., October 1, 1862. He began his career as a country school tacher at Arch Rock, Pa. Later he worked his way through higher institutions of learning, attending Newberry College, S. C., and graduating from Carthage College, Ill., in 1899. He married Laura G. McColm on December 18, 1889 and their love and devotion through the years have been a constant source of inspiration to all their friends.

Dr. Dysinger taught at Carthage College for six years, during which time their first child, Mabel, was born; a daughter who was destined to spend twenty-five years in Liberia, Africa as a missionary. In 1894 Wm. Dysinger accepted his first call to Lena, Illinois. Other pastorates followed at Freeport, Ill.; Camden, Ind., Logansport, Ind., Sioux City, Ia., Vandergrift, Pa., Wheeling, W. Va., and finally in December, 1915 to the First English Lutheran Church in Los Angeles, Calif. During these years five children were born to the Rev. and Mrs. Dysinger. In 1919 William Dysinger received his honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Midland College.

Dr. and Mrs Dysinger held many prominent positions in church circles in Los Angeles. Dr. Dysinger helped organize the California Lutheran Hospital, acting as its Superintendent for two years and President of its Executive Board for several years. Active in the Los Angeles Church Federation, he was president for 3½ years and served on the Executive Board for twenty years.

In August, 1945, after a ministry in one parish of just short of 30 years, Dr. Dysinger retired from the pastorate. A grateful congregation made him Pastor Emeritus. Dr. Dysinger entered into rest on November 13, 1947. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor L. Ralph Tabor of Luther Place Memorial Church in Washington, D.C. on November 15. Interment was near Rockville, Maryland.

The Rev. Oscar H. Gruver D.D.

The Rev. Oscar H. Gruver, D.D., died suddenly in his sleep March 7, 1947. He was born in Flicksville, Pa., on November 30, 1866, and was the son of the Rev. Charles and Christiana Dachman Gruver. He was graduated from Gettysburg College in 1890 and from Gettysburg Seminary in 1893. Shortly after his graduation he was called to become pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of San Francisco. After a service of six years he returned to Pennsylvaia, but his heart remained in California and in 1904 he returned to become the pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Oakland. Shortly after his return he was united in marriage with Jennie Pike Burnett, the daughter of Dr. G. G. Burnett, an outstanding layman of the pioneer days of the Synod of California. Pastor Gruver served as secretary of Synod in 1896 and 1897, and became president in 1909, serving two years. In 1916 the Synod elected him treasurer, an office which he occupied until 1926 when he retired from the active ministry. At the same time he served as pastor of Christ Church, Alameda. After his retirement he was constantly called upon to supply vacant parishes, and served as pastor of St. John's Church, Oakland for more than a year. He is survived by his widow and two children, Robert E. Gruver of Oakland and Mrs. A. Barrett Andrews of Fallon, Nevada. Funeral services were held at his late residence because his widow has been an invalid for several years. Dr. Earnest A. Trabert, pastor emeritus of St. Michael's Church, Berkeley, officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. Paul Romeis, president of the Northern Conference.

The Rev. B. L. Westenbarger

The Rev. B. L. Westenbarger was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1866, and passed away in May, 1947. He was graduated from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio and Hickory Seminary of Hickory, North Carolina; and was ordained to the Lutheran Ministry in 1892. In the same year he married Bessie Iola Smyler of Conover, N.C. For 53 years he successfully served parishes in North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio and California. His last charge was at San Mateo, California, where he served St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Surviving him are his five sons and one daughter.

Funeral services were held May 24, 1947 at the First Lutheran Church in Glendale. Officiating was Dr. James P. Beasom, president of the California Synod, assisted by the Rev. Carl V. Tambert of Glendale, the Rev. Guy Hudson of Beverly Hills and the Rev. W. Lange of Compton. Interment was at Forest Lawn, Glendale.

Mrs. Adolf Jatho

Mrs Louise Sophie Jatho, wife of the Rev. Adolf Jatho, passed away in Oakland, California, October 17, 1947 after a long illness. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sonnichen, early California pioneers, she was born in 1863 in San Francisco. In 1900 she was married to the Rev. Adolf Jatho, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church then located at 8th and Filbert Streets, Oakland, who later became pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, San Francisco. A woman of exceptional ability and possessed of winning qualities, she became an able assistant in his work as pastor. Their union was blessed with three children. She is survived by her husband and all of her children.

Funeral services were held in St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Berkeley, and were in charge of the Rev. H. S. Schwegler. The Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D., pastor emeritus of St. Michael's Church and an intimate friend of the family for many years, preached the sermon; and the Rev. Herman Lucas of San Francisco, conducted the services at the grave. The body was entombed in the Mt. View Mausoleum, Oakland, California.

Mrs. Rozetta Julia Alpeter

Mrs. Rozetta Julia Altpeter, widow of Dr. Peter Altpeter, Pastor of First Luheran Church, San Diego, 1922-1925, was born near Greenville, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1870, and died in a San Diego hospital February 21, 1947, after an illness of three weeks. She is survived by three daughters. Private services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler on February 23, in Glenn Abbey Memorial Park, near Chula Vista.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. ANSPACH

The report was adopted.

The President of Synod reported the death of Mrs. C. W. Maggart, and asked the Necrologist to lead the Convention in prayer for her husband.

The Rev. Harold Floreen of the National Lutheran Council was presented to the Convention. He spoke briefly on the National Lutheran Council's work in the Christian approach to the Jewish people.

The motion prevailed that the previous motion setting the time of the election be rescinded.

The motion prevailed that the first ballot be confined to the elective members of the executive committee.

The Rev. Orval Awerkamp presented:

PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL BOARD REPORT—1947

The outstanding event of the past year in the realm of the Parish and Church School Board has been the visit of Miss Eleanor Stelzner, Secretary of Children's Work. Miss Stelzner addressed ten gatherings within the Synod discussing means and methods in winning and holding the child, and acquaint-

ing those in attendance with the materials at hand both for teaching purposes as well as solving personal problems.

From the reports received via inquiry cards, the visits of Miss Stelzner were greatly appreciated and generally helpful.

The second cycle of the Christian Growth Series for the Junior and Intermediate as well as the first year for Beginner and Senior is offered. New literature is about to appear. There will be new leadership texts and new elective courses for the adults, as well as new elective courses for the Young People. New camp materials are being prepared for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors.

The high point of the coming year will be the Enlistment Program to be presented in the fall. The program includes district mass meetings, local visitation and follow-up work in the parish. Its worth has been tried elsewhere and proven most successful. The purpose is two-fold: 1. To increase Sunday School Enrollment. 2. To evaluate present teaching programs.

With the unmatched growth of our Synod there is a proportionate responsibility to the increased horizon of teaching ministry for our Sunday Schools. We cannot afford to be otherwise than on our toes for the best in teaching programs and methods.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVAL AWERKAMP

The report was adopted.

The Rev. L. A. Failing presented:

REPORT ON THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

This report is naturally brief and incomplete, due to the fact that I have been just recently appointed secretary of the Children of the Church. The reports are gradually coming in. A few are as follows:

St. Luke's, Huntington Park; 7 to 20 children, meet twice monthly, gift to Children of the Church: $10.95.

Grace Lutheran, Alhambra; 15 to 18 children, meet Saturday morning, gift to Children of the Church: $23.43.

In closing, for the year 1948 it is my hope that a large number of congregations will carry on the program as outlined by the Children of the Church, and I shall be happy to give what assistance may be possible. Remember this work by praying earnestly for God's guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN WERNER

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser presented:

REPORT OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE ADVISOR OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The work of the young people of our church through the official channel, namely the Luther League of America, deserves the earnest attention of all our pastors and laymen. The three-fold program of the League is a challenge to all of our youth groups. Through the missionary appeal our leaguers have reached out into other lands; through the educational program their minds are given the advantage of good literature and inspirational facts; while, in the life-service challenge, each one learns of his opportunity to further the kingdom of Christ either through full-time service or through a consecrated life as a layman.

The Southern District Luther League has been quite active this past year. Each month th executive committee has held a meeting to plan the activities of the district. Quarterly conventions have been held by the district itself, and other quarterly rallies have been held by the Intermediate Department of the district. An alumni group is also in existence. The latter group, feeling themselves too old to be active in the youth work, are not too old to be active in sponsoring leagues in their local congregations and to otherwise encourage the younger folks in their efforts.

Respectfully submitted

CLARENCE F. CROUSER, Advisor

The report of the Parish and Church School Board was adopted.

The report on the Children of the Church was adopted.

The report of the Luther League advisor of the Southern Conference was adopted, and Mr. Paul Spindt, President of the District Luther League of the Southern Conference was introduced to the Convention. Mr. Howard Logan, President of the Luther League of America, spoke briefly on our responsibility for our young people.

The motion prevailed that the Rev. Clarence F. Crouser be instructed to prepare a report for the Synodical Luther League.

The motion prevailed that the members of the Executive and Home Missions Committee, not already delegates, be given the privilege of a voice on the floor.

The report of the Committee on Women's Organizations was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the session be adjourned. The Rev. Edward J. Mattson, S.T.D., led in the closing prayer.

After the taking of the Convention picture, Midland College Luncheon was held in the Colonial Room of the U. S. Grant Hotel. The splendid attendance bore witness to a growing support in Synod of our educational institutions.

Mr. Paul Spindt, president of the District Luther League of the Southern Conference and Mr. Howard Logan, president of The Luther League of America were introduced to the Convention. Mr. Logan spoke briefly on our responsibility for our young people.

The report was adopted.

THIRD SESSION

Tuesday, January 26, 1948, 2:00 P.M.

The Third Session was opened with devotions by the Chaplain on the theme, "Are We Able to See?"

Th minutes of the Second Session were approved as read.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Midland College and Western Theological Seminary was presented with comments by Dr. Schwartz and President Beasom.

ANNUAL REPORT OF

MIDLAND COLLEGE AND WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

For the Year 1947-1948

GENERAL STATEMENT:

God has been exceedingly good to Midland in permitting her to serve the Church and the youth in this part of the country for sixty years. The sixty-first year was begun on September 8, 1947, and is well under way. The spirit of the students and faculty is excellent. By general acclaim the morale of the entire College family is higher than it has been for several years.

OFFICERS:

The officers of the corporate Board are: President, Mr. Henry A. Gunderson, Fremont, Nebraska; Vice-President, the Rev. W. W. Klover, Salina, Kansas; Secretary, the Rev. A. W. Young, Omaha, Nebraska; Treasurer, Mr. Clinton J. Muller, Fremont, Nebraska.

Officers of the College are President, Dr. W. P. Hieronymus; Dean, Prof. Herman Gimmestad; Treasurer, Mr. Clinton J. Muller.

ENROLLMENT:

Our Registrar reports a total enrollment of 464-448 day-time and 16 evening students. The men greatly outnumber the women, almost two to one. The number of veterans is 168. The Lutheran percentage of the student body is the

same as last year, namely, 56 per cent. Next to Nebraska, California has the largest state representation at Midland, namely, 22. A splendid record. We have 38 young men who are preparing for the Holy Ministry. Sixteen states and two foreign countries are represented in the student body.

With the 253 enrolled in the 1947 Summer Session the grand total enrollment is 717 students. This number will be augmented by the new students who will enter at the beginning of the second semester.

ACADEMIC STANDING:

On October 18, 1947, President Hieronymus received a letter from Dr. Snavely, the Executive Secretary of the **Association of American Colleges,** in which he stated: "It gives me pleasure to inform you that at the fall meeting of our Board of Directors . . . last week, your institution was approved for membership." Several days ago President Hieronymus also received an invitation from Dr. Zook, President of the **American Council on Education,** extending to Midland "a cordial invitation" to membership in the Council. Accreditation by the **North Central Association** makes Midland eligible for membership in the above-named organizations.

OPERATIONAL FINANCES:

Fiscal Year Ending August 24, 1947

RECEIPTS:			
Educational and General		$ 99,469.38	
Endowment and Investments		7,267.27	
Gifts and Grants		68,379.87	
Sales and Service		3,130.71	
Other Income		1,587.50	
Auxiliary Enterprises		106,917.58	
Total Receipts			$286,743.31
EXPENSES:			
Educational and General			
Administration	$41,498.88		
Instruction	91,684.10		
Library	7,749.23		
Plant and Maintenance	27,528.46		
Service Rendered	2,771.70	$175,232.37	
Auxiliary Enterprises		103,196.46	
Other Non-Ed. Expenses		3,826.54	
Total Expenses			$282,255.37
Operating Surplus			4,487.94

Western Seminary Disbursements—1946-1947

EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL		
General Administration	$ 1,713.84	
Instructional	8,568.02	
		$ 10,281.86
Library		316.63
Operation and Maintenance of Plant		2,727.14
		$ 13,325.63

FORWARD MIDLAND CAMPAIGN:

The total amount the Synods have sent to Midland so far is $160,908.26, or 71.5% of the $225,000 goal. The congregations of the California Synod have to date (December 8, 1947) remitted $21,650.05, or 86.6% of Synod's quota of $25,000. Eleven California Synod churches are on the Honor Roll, having reached or exceeded their goals.

WESTERN SEMINARY MAKES FORWARD STEP:

For the first time in its history Western Theological Seminary now has four full-time professors, or one at the head of each of the major departments of instruction. Dr. E. B. Keisler is the new professor of practical theology. Rev. Harry Mumm, who spent a year in graduate work at Biblical Seminary, New York, is substituting this year for Prof. R. R. Syre, who is on leave of absence working toward his Ph.D., at the University of Nebraska. The Seminary now also has a full-time custodian and a house-mother.

Fourteen young men are enrolled. Several are doing interne work in congregations. The sizeable group of pre-theologs at Midland College augurs well for a larger enrollment in the Seminary in the immediate future. In view of the great shortage of pastors, however, let every pastor make it a point to present the cause of the Gospel ministry to the promising young men of his congregation.

This year's Life Service Retreat during the Thanksgiving recess was very successful. Twenty-five senior high school lads from numerous congregations were in attendance. It is hoped that God will put it into the hearts of many of these young men to prepare themselves for the Ministry.

As a result of the vote of the Synods, Western Theological Seminary will soon be organized as an institution separate and distinct from Midland College.

MIDLAND'S NEEDS FOR ADVANCEMENT:

1. **A Financial Secretary.** The appointment of such a person has already been approved, but he has not yet been found.

2. **Increased Income** to maintain a dynamic, modern educational institution.

3. **An athletic field** adjacent to the campus for soft ball, tennis, field hockey and the like.

4. **Buildings.** Wings on Beegle Hall, a Library Building, a Chapel, a Student Union, and a President's Residence.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, we thank all our pastors and their congregations most sincerely for their interest in our College and Seminary, for the increasingly large number of splendid men and women they are sending as students and also their support as evidenced in the Midland Campaign and annual appropriations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That we continue to urge our young people to attend our institutions of higher learning in Fremont, Nebraska.

2. That we carry on our campaign toward the completion of our $25,000 goal for the Forward Midland Campaign.

3. That we consider the amount of $4,500 for Midland College and $1,800 for Western Seminary a fixed item for 1948.

4. That we recommend that the Allocation Committee of 1948 be instructed to place Midland College upon its lists of Benefactors.

5. That we commend the president of our College, Dr. W. P. Hieronymus, and the Dean of our Seminary, Dr. Thomas D. Rinde, together with the members of their staff and faculty for bringing our schools of higher learning into the field of advanced rating and greater service to youth.

Your Trustees,

DR. JAMES P. BEASOM, JR
DR. ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ

Dr. Hieronymus was introduced and spoke on the place of the Church's educational institutions in the life of the Church. The motion prevailed that the recommendations in the report be considered seriatim.

Items 1 through 4 were adopted.

Item 5 was adopted with a rising vote.

The report as a whole was adopted.

Copies of the constitution for Midland College were distributed to the delegates, who were urged to be ready to take action on its adoption on the following day.

The Rev. Konrad Koosman, President of the California District of the American Lutheran Church, was introduced to the Convention. He brought greetings from his body.

The Rev. L. A. Failing presented:

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER

In cooperation with the Transportation Commissioner of the United Lutheran Church annual passes were secured for the President of the Synod over the Southern Paciifc and Santa Fe Railways covering the territory of the Synod of California. Trip passes were also secured for members of the Executive and Mission Committees over the Southern Pacific lines upon several occasions. To these roads we express the thanks of the Synod and recommend that the Secretary inform them of our gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

EARNEST A. TRABERT, Transportation Commissioner

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Herman Lucas presented:

REPORT ON THE "LUTHERAN," NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The growth of the churches within our Synod is a part of the development of the Lutheran Church at large. The most efficient work in our own congregations will be done with this view in mind. Your committee highly recommends to all pastors and church members as a goal for 1948 "A "LUTHERAN" in every Lutheran home of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN LUCAS

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Charles P. Smith presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC

During the year, the committee has sent communications to the pastors of Synod calling their attention to matters of interest pointing toward the building of better music programs in the various churches. Members of the committee have also been consulted on numerous occasions regarding the purchase of musical instruments, the securing of personnel and the like.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. SMITH, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dwight L. Miley presented:

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Your Committee, in cooperation with the Pastors of Synod and the Presidents of Congregational Women's Missionary Societies, was able to arrange for itineraries of two Foreign Missionaries among the Congregations and Societies of Synod.

Missionary Charles H. Reinbrecht and his family, on their way to work in China again, were able to give the latter part of July and the month of August to service in this area.

The Rev. E. Neudoerffer, veteran Missionary to India, was on the territory of Synod during the latter part of September and a few days in October.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT L. MILEY
TITUS R. SCHOLL
EDWARD N. SPIRER

The report was adopted.

Dr. Kohler presented:

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The work of the Lord through the Social Mission Society of the Southern Conference holds the enviable place in "The Master's Miracle of 1947" by its gift of $8,000.00 on the purchase of the California Lutheran Home for the Aged and $1,200.00 toward the operating cost.

In loving service for medical, surgery and welfare in gifts for members of our congregations and furnishing tracts "Messages for the Day" used by the Chaplain in both of our hospitals, $500 was expended. For miscellaneous expense $120.00.

For the year, a total of $9,772.48 disbursed, leaving a balance of $1303.90, January 1, 1948. The Society is Synodical, an affiliate of the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America and the LutheranWelfare Council of Southern California.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY IRVING KOHLER, Pres. Board of Directors

The report was adopted with a rising vote of thanks.

Dr. Beasom presented:

REPORT OF THE BOARD FOR THE HOME FOR THE AGED

With this report your Board for the Home for the Aged will go out of existence and reappear as the Board of Trustees for the California Lutheran Home for the Aged, a California Corporation. Soon the physical properties held by the Ev. Lutheran Synod of California will be turned over to this new corporation with all of its other assets and liabilities.

Before retiring as a Board of Synod, a report of the past year is both mandatory and advisable. On January 6, 1947, Synod took possession of the Dominic Jebba property, located at 2500 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California, consisting of about six and a half acres. The plans, specifications and engineering for the renovation of the main house was done gratis by Architect Robert Inslee. The Rev. Edward N. Spirer was given a leave of absence by the St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church of North Hollywood so that he might devote most of it to the direction of the rebuilding of this mansion. Synod gives to him and those who worked with him an expression of deep appreciation.

An open house for the Home was held Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1947, by the newly formed Los Angeles Chapter of the Women's Fellowship of the California Lutheran Home, Mrs. Alice Crouser, the president. Between fifteen hundred and two thousand guests visited the Home that afternoon.

On All Saint's Day, November 1, 1947, the Home was opened for guests with a service led by the Rev. Edward N. Spirer and assisted by the Rev. Walter Stuhr. Since that date the Home has been in continuous operation. Your Board is grateful for the services of the faithful staff of the Home, consisting of:

The President of Synod, Acting Superintendent
Mrs. E. Hosfeld, R.N., Asst. Superintendent
The Rev. Edward N. Spirer, Business Manager (Part time)
The Rev. Walter Stuhr, Maintenance Manager
Mrs. Walter Stuhr, Matron and Housekeeper
Mrs. Jennie George, Cook
Mrs. Irma Weamer, Dining Room Matron
Mr. Walter Stuhr, Jr., Assistant (Part time)
Miss Shirley Stuhr, Assistant (Part time)
Mr. Carl A. Bell, Auditor (Part time)

There were at the beginning of the year fifteen guests in the Home. With the remodeling of the garage into an apartment for staff members, there will be room in the main house for twenty-five guests. Several cottages will be erected this winter. It is estimated that one hundred guests will be under the care of our new institution in the foreseeable future.

The Home properties, furnishings and tangible assets are valued at a conservative figure of one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars. Against this, there

is an indebtedness of thirty-five thousand dollars. Besides the assets listed above, the Home has cash assets of over twenty-one thousand dollars. If these were used to reduce the present indebtedness, there would be owing against the property less than fourteen thousand dollars.

During the present year, this balance of fourteen thousand dollars should be removed from the indebtedness of the Home. Some provision should be made at this convention of the Synod for its removal.

Added to the income for operation expenses has been a host of food supplies donated by the congregations of Synod.

No one can estimate the value of the services and contributions of the women of our congregations represented in the chapters of the Women's Fellowship of the Home. These are being organized under the directorship of Mrs. Charles Izenour.

There are so many who have helped to make possible the Home that one could not list the gifts or the givers. We are just grateful unto Almighty God for His direction and assistance, for He has moved in and though us to make possible this the first institution of Synod. It has been called "The Master's Miracle of 1947." Truly we give to Him all of the credit, the glory and honor.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD FOR THE HOME FOR THE AGED

THE CALIFORNIA HOME FOR THE AGED
FINANCIAL REPORT

ASSETS:			
A. Real Estate		$ 85,000.00	
Improvements paid in cash		14,600.00	
Improvements contributions		6,800.00	
Improvements architectural		2,400.00	
Furnishings and Equipment		12,700.00	
Bedding, Linen, Towels, etc.		3,500.00	
Cottages, (cash deposits)		10,000.00	
		$135,000.00	$135,000.00
Paid in cash or contributions			100,000.00
Indebtedness			$ 35,000.00
B. Cash on hand 12/31/47		$ 23,433.73	
Cash received since 12/31/47		10,836.41	
Note (La Canada Parsonage)		5,500.00	
Note (Church Extension)		3,000.00	
		$ 42,870.14	
C. DEPOSITS :			
Entrance	$ 6,701.68		
Guests	5,158.22		
Cottages	10,000.00		
	$21,859.90	21,859.90	
D. Cash Available for Indebtedness		$ 21,010.24	21,010.24
INDEBTEDNESS			
Balance of Indebtedness less cash assets available for payment on Indebtedness			$ 13,989.76
OPERATIONAL INCOME			
Apportionment from Synod		$ 3,500.00	
Women's Fellowship		1,200.00	
So. Mission Soc. of S. C.		1,200.00	
So. Mission Board ULCA		900.00	
		$ 6,800.00	

The report was adopted and the Rev. Edward N. Spirer was presented to the Convention as the man who labored without ceasing in the renovation of our beautiful Home.

The Rev. L. A. Failing presented

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME

The objects of the Women's Fellowship of the California Lutheran Home is to give spiritual, material and financial assistance to the needy aged and render any other helpful service to the California Lutheran Home. Any woman interested in the object of the organization is eligible to membership. Free-will offerings are received in envelopes distributed for that purpose.

In order to facilitate the participation of large number of women. Chapters are being organized in geographical areas throughout Synod. Four Chapters have been organized thus far.

The Los Angeles Chapter was the first unit to be organized. The attendance exceeded one-thousand. The Bay Chapter, the Valley Chapter and the Fresno Chapter were subsquently organized.

Some of the activities which have engaged the women are cleaning the interior of the Home; providing shades and draperies for windows, lamps for all the beds, bathroom stools and folding screens; promoting memorials; promoting Harvest Home Festivals resulting in a food storage room filled with canned and staple foods; providing and serving refreshments at the dedication service; money contributions for other furnishings.

The Los Angeles Chapter has allocated five hundred dollars to establish a fund to assist guests who are financially unable to provide the required emergency fund. In addition, this Chapter will support the maintenance of guests to the extent of one hundred dollars per month.

The project assumed by the Bay Area Chapter is purchasing writing tables and chairs for all the bedrooms.

Total members—507. Total receipts—$1615.64.

Respectfully submitted,

WILHELMINA F. IZENOUR, Director

Mrs. Wilhelmina F. Izenour, Synodical Director, was presented and described the work that is being done. The report was accepted.

Mr. Robert Inslee and Mr. Alfred Johnson, architects, who have been of great service to the Synod in planning churches and in the renovation of our Home for the Aged, were presented to the Synod and publicly thanked for their assistance.

The recommendations of the Committee on the Constitution were approved and the report as a whole was adopted.

The Rev. G. Elson Ruff, Lit.D., official representative of the ULCA, was presented and spoke on the thrilling opportunities and need for support of the Board of American Missions and the Board of Foreign Missions of our United Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Ross F. Hidy presented

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK

Lutheran Student Work in California received a real stimulus this past September when the Ashram was held at Monterey and over 400 students from various states and foreign countries attended. Those privileged to witness their consecration for Jesus Christ the Lord and their enthusiasm for reaching, holding and developing students for Christ were again convinced that work with these Christian leaders of tomorrow pays big dividends.

The crowded colleges of the Pacific Southwest schools present a greater challenge than ever before. Enrollments are at their peak, and with no Lutheran college in this State, a higher percentage of Lutheran students attend state schools than elsewhere, and the national average is 85%. This challenge is met by Pastors, many of them from the ULCA, and lay workers giving of their time and energies guiding student groups on isolated campuses or in the two

major student centers of the Bay Area and Los Angeles region. In the north the Foundation has a splendid program with the busy center at Berkeley, with Miss Helene Rasmussen as counselor, and in the south the Foundation led by Pastor Fred Schenk now boasts of a center on the campus of the University of Southern California. This center serves as living quarters for the campus pastor and family and as student activities center for the Los Angeles area. These two centers fairly hum with activities which include Bible study, devotional meetings, forums, recreation and counseling. The Berkeley center houses some of the women students. The worth of the student program is known to us all.

The financial support for the work of these two Foundations comes from several sources. The Student Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council contributes $5330 which is used mainly for full-time personnel guiding the program in the Bay Area and Los Angeles area. This sum comes from the funds of Student Service from the National Lutheran Council (student work is to receive 12% of the 1948 budget) and from grants from the American Lutheran Conference and United Lutheran Church Board of Education. In supporting the benevolence work of the United Lutheran Church and the program of the National Lutheran Council, the California Synod indirectly subsidizes the student program in California and Synod can be justly proud of the fine record of giving through those channels. But such gifts can only maintain present personnel, for Studet Service in the next five years will receive no sizeable budget increase. Available funds must not only continue present programs but must be used to begin new work on other campuses in America.

Other income for the two Foundations in California comes from individual memberships, congregational gifts and from those Synods which contribute to the work of the Foundation.

The excellent work of the Board of Education, the Student Service Commission of the National Lutheran Council, and the two Lutheran Service Foundations of California and pastors and layworkers who serve in this ministry should be commended.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted.

The third session was adjourned with prayer led by the Rev. Titus Scholl.

The meeting was followed by a banquet held in the First Presbyterian Church, San Diego. The Rev. H. Paul Romeis acted as toastmaster and presented the members of the Executive and Home Missions Committee who spoke on the various phases of Synod's activities.

FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday, January 28, 1948

The fourth session was opened with devotions by the Chaplain on the theme, "Can We Truly Believe?"

The minutes of the third session were approved.

The Secretary of Synod presented

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

One special and four regular meetings were held during the year.

Your committee approved Building Financing Plans for the following congregations: St. James, Richmond; St. Paul's, Sacramento; Holy Trinity, Inglewood; Salem, Whittier; Altadena, Altadena; First, San Francisco; St. Andrew's, San Mateo; Christ, Pacific Beach; St. Paul's Vallejo and Mt. Zion, Yreka.

A "Diviison of Church Extension" was established and the services of the Rev. Edward N. Spirer were secured to act as its Director.

Steps were taken, leading toward the development of "Home for the Aged Auxiliaries" throughout the Synod, and Mrs. Charles Izenour was appointed to act as the director of the auxiliaries.

The Rev. Stuart W. Hermann was assured that Synod would underwrite his proposed visit to California to the extent of $150.00.

The necessary steps were taken to have the Knubel-Miller Lectures in California in 1948.

Entered into agreement with the California Lutheran Hospital Association whereby the Synod would take over the active management of the California Lutheran Youth Camp and agreed to underwrite this project to the amount of $10,000.00 during 1948; and made a recommendation to the Brotherhoods of Synod that they accept the Youth Camp as their special project.

The Restricted Loan Funds of the Board of American Missions was approved and the Allocations Committee of Synod was instructed to set aside the first $1,200.00 of the 1947 surplus as a contribution to this fund.

A flier entitled "The Master's Miracle of 1947," outlining what has been accomplished in our Home for the Aged Program was prepared and distributed throughout the congregations of Synod.

A special committee was appointed to study the possibility of establishing a Theological Seminary on the West Coast in the near future.

During the year your committee has interviewed many of the mission pastors of the Synod and has attempted to give all possible encouragement and assistance in the development of the mission work of the Church.

Your Committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That the Constitution of Synod be amended to designate the territory of the Synod as the States of California, Arizona, Nevada and the Territory of Hawaii.

2. That Synod adopt the policy of granting no financial aid to ministerial students while still in college, until after a thorough investigation and approval by the Executive Committee of Synod.

Tha Synod authorize the launching of a Synod-wide campaign to raise building funds next fall. The goal of such a campaign would approach the $1,000,000.00 mark.

4. That Synod engage in a concerted Evangelism Effort throughout all the churches of Synod with staff members of the Board of Social Missions on the field to give direction for a prolonged period of time.

5. That the following budget be adopted as the official budget of Synod for the year 1948. (Note—this will be distributed at the meeting of Synod.)

I. CONTRIBUTORS OUTSIDE OF SYNOD:		
1. U.L.C.A. Apportionment	$ 28,781.00	
2. Midland College	4,500.00	
3. Western Theological Seminary	1,800.00	
	$ 35,081.00	$ 35,081.00
II. PARK CHURCHES:		
1. Yosemite	$ 75.00	
2. Sequoia	50.00	
	$ 125.00	$ 125.00
III. SYNODICAL MISSIONS:		
1. Home Missions	$ 3,000.00	
2. California Lutheran Home	3,500.00	
3. Ministerial Education	2,000.00	
4. Youth Camping	500.00	
	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,000.00
IV. CHURCH CONVENTIONS:		
Synodical (Delegates Expenses)	$ 1,200.00	
Synodical (Other)	125.00	
Minutes of Synod	1,000.00	
U.L.C.A. (Delegates Expenses)	600.00	
	$ 2,925.00	$ 2,925.00

V. GENERAL EXPENSES:

Golden State Lutheran	$ 800.00	
Synodical (Operating)	600.00	
Executive Committee	1,600.00	
4. Other Committees	200.00	
	$ 3,200.00	$ 3,200.00

VI. PRESIDENT'S OFFICE EXPENSE

1. Salary of President of Synod	$ 5,500.00	
2. Expenses of President of Synod	3,000.00	
3. Pension of President of Synod	220.00	
4. Office Utilities	600.00	
5. Salary of Secretary of Synod	1,800.00	
	$ 11,120.00	$ 11,120.00

VII. OTHER SALARIES OF SYNOD:

1. Secretary of Synod	$ 100.00	
2. Treasurer of Synod	200.00	
3. Statistician	50.00	
	$ 350.00	$ 350.00

	$ 61,801.00
A. BUDGET—Normal Budget of Synod	$ 61,801.00
B. BUDGET—200% Apportionment for ULCA	28,781.00
C. L.W.A. Quota for 1948	21,940.00
	$112,522.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME: (12,000 Communing Members)

A. Budget at $5.00 per Communing Member	$ 60,000.00
B. Budget at $3.00 per Communing Member	36,000.00
C. Budget at $2.00 per Communing Member	24,000.00
	$120,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT SCHWERTZ, Convener

6. That the following congregations be received into membership by the Synod, subject to the approval of the Committee on Constitutions:

Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Yreka, California
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, El Monte, California
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach, California
Lakewood Evangelical Lutheran Church, Long Beach, California
Ev. Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration, Los Angeles, California
Ev. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Reno, Nevada
Trinity United Lutheran Church, Pomona, California

Organized in January, 1948, to be received into Synod: Ev. Lutheran Church of The Foothills, La Canada, California.

7. That Synod authorize the payment of traveling expenses incurred in attending the Knubel-Miller Foundation Lectures for all pastors of congregations outside Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

The motion prevailed that the recommendations in the report be considered seriatim.

Item I was adopted and referred to the Committee on the Constitution.
Items 2 to 5 were adopted.
Item 6 was adopted and the pastors and lay delegates were presented to the Convention. Dr. Beasom led in a prayer of thanksgiving to

Almighty God for this rich harvest He has granted to us.

Item 7 was adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The tellers reported that the following were elected as members of the Executive Committee on the first ballot: The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert, Secretary; Mr. Carl Bell, Treasurer; Mr. Fritz Noel and Mr. Fritz Bowman.

The motion prevailed that if no election results on the next ballot, that succeeding ballots be limited to the four highest.

The motion prevailed that the secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for the Rev. Henry Scherer as statistician.

The tellers reported that the second ballot resulted in the election of the Rev. Robert Romeis, the Rev. Carl Tambert and Mr. L. S. Johnston to the Executive Committee.

The motion prevailed that balloting begin for the office of Archivist and members of the Board of the California Lutheran Home for the Aged.

The motion prevailed that the afternoon session begin at 2:00 P.M.

The motion prevailed that the Budget be mimeographed for distribution this afternoon.

The session was adjourned with prayer led by the Rev. Guy L. Hudson.

It was followed by meetings of the laymen and the ministerium.

FIFTH SESSION

Wednesday, January 28, 1948, 2:30 P.M.

The afternoon session opened with a memorial service at 2:30 P.M. The Rev. Howard A. Anspach was in charge of the service. Tributes were paid to the departed pastors, as follows:

Dr. Oscar Gruver, by the Rev. H. Paul Romeis.
Dr. William S. Dysinger, by Dr. Herbert J. Weaver.
Pastor B. L. Westenbarger, by the Rev. Guy L. Hudson.

The Minutes of the Fourth Session were approved as read. Pastor Vosseler presented Mr. J. Clifford Safley, Managing Editor of the San Diego Union, who spoke briefly on the press attitude toward the churches.

The Rev. Clifford B. Holland presented the Rev. Royal E. Lescher, Director of Evangelism of the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, who was welcomed to the Convention.

The motion prevailed that the Secretary of the Synod be instructed to send a telegram of greeting to the Synod of South Carolina, now in session at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

The Rev. J. Benner Weaver presented:

REPORT OF THE CAMP COMMITTEE—1947

The committee, being fully aware of the great need for a camping program and of the values inherent in a carefully planned and well executed summer camp, has spent the year in making a comprehensive study of the entire problem.

The first major problem confronting the committee was that of choosing a permanent camp site. The solution to this problem came during the summer when the Board of Managers of the California Lutheran Hospital offered to sell to the synod the lease to the California Lutheran Camp, buildings and equipment, valued conservatively at approximately $30,000.00. The cost of the transaction was the very nominal sum of $2,500.00, which represented the cost of improvements made by the hospital group during the summer. Upon the recommendation of the committee, the executive committee of synod voted to buy the California Lutheran Camp. It is felt that the present site can in time be equipped to handle 200 or more campers weekly.

The committee is plannig to prepare, with the assistance of qualified individuals and based upon the experience of other camps, an overall Master

Plan for the site. In preparing to operate the camp during the summer of 1948 it is proposed to make only such repairs and installations as are necessary.

During the coming summer the committee plans to hold weekly camps through the months of July and August, providing camping periods for Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors and Young People. Permission has been received from the U. S. Forestry Service to erect temporary housing quarters and it is hoped that approximately 60 campers and leaders can be accommodated each week of the program.

A well-rounded curriculum of worship, study, recreation and service has been carefully planned with a view to developing campers spiritually, mentally, physically and socially.

In concluding this report it is important to point out the very important fact, that the success of this proposed camping development depends in very great measure upon the hearty cooperation of each pastor of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THE CAMP COMMITTEE
J. BENNER WEAVER, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Constitution of Central Lutheran Theological Seminary was approved.

The Rev. Ross F. Hidy presented the Rev. Fred Schenk, student pastor for the Lutheran Student Foundation of Southern California, who spoke on the importance of this work, pointing out there are 972 Lutheran students on the Los Angeles campuses.

The Rev. Carl V. Tambert presented

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee is happy to report a most satisfactory year in this department of the Church life. The splendid materials which have been provided for our use by the ULCA Stewardship Committee, together with a beautiful spirit of cooperation on the part of our Pastors and lay leaders, has served to encourage us that the department of Stewardship in our Church's life is really advancing.

The stewardship picture, "And Now I See," acclaimed by all groups as the most outstanding production in this field, has been shown in every California Synod Church at least once during the Fall of 1947. In addition to this, almost all of our churches used the film-strip and record "Team Work," together with other records provided, and almost every Pastor ordered and used the Every Member Visitation materials provided by the Laymen's Movement for stewardship.

We rejoice that virtually all congregations engaged in an Every Member Visitation.

Your Stewardship Committee would suggest:

1. That the apportionment as suggested by the United Lutheran Church in America for 1948 be regarded as a normal yearly procedure in our Synod henceforth.

2. That special attention be given to the stewardship education of children in 1948, and that a definite educational campaign be instituted by the Stewardship Committee among the Church Schools of our territory.

3. That a long range planning program be begun which will culminate in 1949 with a stewardship education program for the youth of our Church.

Your Stewardship Committee would further suggest a few practical principles for Pastors and laymen:

1. We should follow the enthusiasm of the enlightened faithful of our congregations rather than the defeatism of the unenlightened in the matter of stewardship.

2. New members received into our congregations should be challenged with the idea of carrying the burden of the Lord's work rather than being a burden themselves.

3. Pastors and laymen should be eager and bold to ask for the Lord. Our stewardship witness should be certain and clear-cut to all from the child gaining first consciousness of things eternal to the aged saint who has lived his life in the Lord.

CARL V. TAMBERT, Chairman
PHILLIP W. BERGSTRESSER
F. J. BOWMAN
GUY L. HUDSON
ELDON P. MILLER

The motion prevailed that the recommendations be considered seriatim.

Items 1-7 inclusive were adopted.

Items 8 and 9 were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Items 10 and 11 were adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The Rev. Arthur W. Alm presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

This committee is aware of the demands of the Church for more full-time workers. Every pastor must seek for those who would be suitable for full-time Christian service within his congregation.

The Committee on Students for the Ministry is happy to report that we have more students preparing for the ministry than ever before.

At Western Seminary we have four students at present. Namely; Curt Klein, St. Michael's, Berkeley; William Bowman of Glendale, Albert Shandrick of St. Mark's, San Francisco and Jack Glidewell of Our Savior's in Tucson, Arizona. At Northwestern Seminary in Minneapolis is Woodard Ching of St. Michael's in Berkeley.

May we ask your continued support in:

1. Keeping in close touch with the students from the various churches who are planning for full-time Christian service.

2. Seeing that this committee gets the names and addresses of all who are planning on going into the ministry or deaconate.

3. Keeping the cause of the ministry before your people.

4. Keeping in close touch with this committee on prospective students.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. ALM
ROBERT ROMEIS
MILUS BONKER
DAVID ROBISCON

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Don W. Endter presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

In the first place, we suggest that the California Synod set up one or two visual aid material depositories so that the churches of Synod may procure these materials without large rental fees or the necessity of buying some aids which very few congregations can actually afford. The depository would send films and slides to any church making request for a particular date but without cost to the church. Actually, the depository would be a loan library with the only cost being the postage necessary for mailing. The Synod could start with a small appropriation of funds and then ultimately write so much into the annual budget for this purpose.

Secondly, we suggest that the pastors write the ULPH requesting that the publication house supply the Los Angeles branch with a more complete and adequate visual aid material service.

The establishment of a Los Angeles branch of the ULPH in the past year has been a source of joy to all of us and a great help to our Church in the West. Each of our churches is encouraged to buy as much religious material from our western branch now as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

DON W. ENDTER, Chairman

The motion prevailed that Synod refer the need for visual aid helps to the Executive Committee for action.

The Rev. Harold J. Lorimer presented:

REPORT OF NORTHERN DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE

The Northern District Luther League looks to the year past with much happiness and gratitude. It was a year that witnessed a marked increase in spirit and activity, and in the number of participating Leagues and Leaguers.

The usual district gatherings were held with notable success. The Spring Rally occurred at Grace Church, Richmond. First Church, Oakland, entertained the Leaguers at the Fall convention.

The district conventions were interspersed with rallies and impromptu get-togethers among near-at-hand Luther Leagues. With a view toward promoting a closer fellowship between leagues, areas have been designated for such activity and responsible individuals have been assigned to each for assistance to the local Leagues in the development of their program.

The objectives of the District for the coming year are to increase to 100% the number of churches having member Leagues, to enlarge the scope of interest and support given to the general program of Synodical League and the Luther League of America, and to deepen the spiritual life of the young people and encourage a more wide spread active participation in the life of the local congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. LORIMER, Advisor

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., presented:

THE REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF SYNOD—1947

A study of population trends by the U. S. Census Bureau and the Scripps Foundation for Research in Population has revealed a 33⅓% increase in the population of the Pacific coast states or a growth of 3,281,000, while the balance of the forty-five states gained 3% or 3,712,000. The largest share of the west coast increase is found in the territory of the California Synod and is directly the specific obligation of the Home Mission Commission.

Cognizant of its tremendous responsibility, your Committee has sought to carry on its work during the past year and is happy to report the organization of seven congregations during the past year and an eighth congregation to be organized the first month of 1948. These are presented to Synod for acceptance:

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, San Diego, (Pacific Beach), California, the Rev. Quentin Garman, the pastor-organizer.

The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration, Los Angeles, (Loyola Village), California, the Rev. Franklin Swanson, the pastor-organizer.

Redeemer, Ev. Lutheran Church, El Monte, California, the Rev. Willis Forsyth, the pastor-organizer.

Trinity United Ev. Lutheran Church, Pomona, California, the Rev. Paul Geberding, the pastor-organizer.

Lakewood Village Ev. Lutheran Church, Long Beach (Lakewood Village), California, the Rev. Louis Hertz, the pastor-organizer.

Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Yreka, California, the Rev. Kenneth Linton, pastor-organizer, with the assistance of the Rev. Elvin Hansen, of Medford, Ore., and the Rev. Lester Keasey, of Biblical Seminary, New York.

The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Reno, Nevada, the Rev. J. Edward Oslund, the pastor-organizer.
The Ev. Lutheran Church in the Foothills, Montrose-La Canada, California, the Rev. John Stump, the pastor-organizer.

Delighted as your Committee is in presenting these congregations to Synod for admission, it is, nevertheless, aware that there are many, many more fields that have been overlooked or that have not been entered through lack of men and funds.

Besides carrying on the work of mission development, your Committee, under the third phase of its work, has continued the mission activity among the congregations already established. From time to time mission pastors have been brought to the Committee meetings that your members might learn more of their particular needs and problems. There have been some misunderstandings, but your Committee has sought to be fair, sincere and always helpful. There have been many conferences with pastors and special committee meetings, in addition to an exceedingly large amount of correspondence pertinent to the mission program.

Salary Aid was approved as follows: Burbank, Luther Memorial, $2400; Culver City, Grace, $1680; El Monte, Redeemer, $2100 Inglewood, Holy Trinity, $1140; Long Beach, Faith, $1680; Los Angeles, St. Paul's, $1680; Los Angeles, Transfiguration, $2500; Phoenix, Faith, $1560; Richmond, St. James, $2100, Sacramento, St. Paul's, $1680; San Diego, Christ, $1800 plus parsonage; San Francisco, First, $1800; San Francisco, Temple, $660; San Mateo, St. Andrew's, $1380; Santa Barbara, Grace, $840; Tucson, Our Saviour's, $2160; Vallejo, St. Paul's, $900 Whittier, Salem, $2400.

Cost of living grants were made to mission pastors and Board missionaries by the Board of American Missions during 1947 at the rate of 15%. A 25% cost of living grant for the first six months of 1948 was approved. Most of the congregations have made equal amounts of grants in increased salaries for mission pastors for the share paid by the congregations.

Church Extension Loans with the Board as of December 1, 1947 are as follows: Altadena, Church Property $2,500, Parsonage chapel, $5,500, Equipment, $250; Berkeley, St. Michael's, Parsonage, $7,950; Burbank, Luther Memorial, Property, $4,500, Parsonage, $5,700; Culver City, Grace, Church Building, $16,750, Property, $2,500; El Monte, Redeemer, Property, $4000, Parsonage, $5,000; Fresno, First, Parsonage, $1,857.75; Inglewood, Holy Trinity, Property, $13,925; Long Beach, Faith, Church Building, $6,937.50, Parsonage, $6,300; Long Beach, Lakewood, Parsonage, $6,100; Los Angeles, Advent, Church and Parsonage, $13,730; Los Angeles, St. Paul's, Church, $2,790, Parsonage, $6,275; Los Angeles, Transfiguration, Church, $18,500, Parsonage, $6,425; Oakland, St. John's, Church, $750; Phoenix, Faith, Church and Parsonage, $36,760; Pomona, Trinity, Church, $2,925, Parsonage, $3,412.50; Reno, Good Shepherd, Parsonage, $14,000; Richmond, St. James, Parsonage, $5,000, Lots, $3,600; Sacramento, St. Paul's Church, $17,500, Parsonage, $7,080; San Bernardino, First, Parsonage, $4,300; San Diego, Christ, Parsonage, $5,450, Church, $16,375; San Diego, First, Church and Parsonage, $11,125; San Diego, St. Peter's, Lots, $2,500, Parsonage, $8,250; San Jose, Grace, Church, $1,993.75; San Mateo, St. Andrew's, Lots, $8,000, Parsonage, $7,643.75; Santa Barbara, Grace, Church, $2,250; Santa Monica, St. Paul's Church, $40,000; Tucson, Our Saviour's, Lots, $3,500; Parsonage, $7,100; Vallejo, St. Paul's, Church and Lots, $10,600; Whittier, Salem, $5,350, Parsonage, $7,040.

We congratulate the Lutheran Church of Honolulu, the Rev. H. Edward Hamme, pastor, for paying its church extension loan in full of $14,500 and thus becoming entirely self-supporting.

Church edifices have been erected for: Culver City, Grace; Los Angeles, Transfiguration; Pomona, Trinity. Buildings are being erected for: Sacramento, St. Paul's; Beverly Hills; Whittier, Salem; Tucson, Our Saviour's Inglewood, Holy Trinity. New church buildings will soon be erected for: San Francisco, First; Vallejo, St. Paul's; San Mateo, St. Andrew's; Altadena; Burbank, Luther Memorial; San Diego, Christ; San Diego, St. Peter's.

The Board of American Missions sponsored a summer school at Mt. Hermon early in July at which there was a representation from the Rocky Mountain,

Pacific and the Western Canada synods, as well as a large number from the California Synod. Plans have already been made for a camp at Mt. Hermon for 1948.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the Secretary of Synod write letters of appreciation to the President of the United Lutheran Church in America, the staff members of the Board of American Missions, the presidents of the Synodical Women's Missionary Society and the two conference societies.

2. That the chaplain of Synod be instructed to offer prayer during the Convention in thanksgiving unto God for His countless blessings and divine guidance, imploring His continued help and leadership to the end that souls may be saved in this vast area He has committed unto our care, and that He may use us in the fulfilling of His will.

3. That Synod give a rising vote of thanks to all mission pastors, Board missionaries and pastor-organizers of congregations serving on our territory, and that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Rev. Elvin Hansen for his missionary efforts in the formation of Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Yreka, California.

4. That Synod instruct the Secretary of Synod to write a letter of thanks to the Executive Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the U.L.C.A for the contributions made through the Board of American Missions to missions on our territory.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted seriatim.

The tellers announced that Mr. William Titmas was elected as the lay member of the Executive Committee from the Northern Conference and that the Rev. Carl V. Tambert was elected to the Board of the California Lutheran Home for the Aged.

The motion prevailed that a letter of appreciation be sent by the Secretary of Synod to each of the San Diego newspapers, thanking them for their excellent publicity during this Convention.

The motion prevailed that balloting begin for the election of clerical and lay delegates to the U.L.C.A. convention.

The Secretary presented:

THE REPORT OF THE MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium met at 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, January 28, 1948. The meeting was opened with prayer led by the Rev. J. Edward Oslund.

The report of the Examining Committee was received and the following recommendations were adopted seriatim:

(1) That Mr. George H. Lovekamp, having passed a very satisfactory examination, be recommended for ordination to the Gospel Ministry.

(2) That the following men be received as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California:
The Rev. Kenneth E. Linton
The Rev. Harvey G. Schwegler
The Rev. John P. Stump
The Rev. Walter M. Stuhr
The Rev. Quentin P. Garman

(3) That we recommend the approval of ad interim ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry subject to their approval by the Examining Committee.

(4) That we authorize the President of Synod to receive the Rev. H. W. Falk into membership of Synod, subject to the approval of the Examining Committee.

The motion prevailed that Synod send a congratulatory telegram to the Rev. E. A. Trabert, D.D., on his recent marriage.

The motion prevailed that we compliment the laymen on their active participation in this convention of Synod and that we urge them to continue to take an active part in the affairs of the Church.

The motion prevailed that we recommend to the Synod that the Executive Committee be ordered to appoint a commission with an equal number of pastors and laymen to study the whole program of Lay participation in the work of the Church, and to report their findings to the next convention of Synod.

The motion prevailed that we recommend to the Synod that the Executive Committee be ordered to appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of an equal number of laymen and pastors to present two names for each office in the Synod elections.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

The report was adopted.

The Rev. G. Elson Ruff addressed the convention on "Problems Confronting the Church Throughout the World."

The secretary of the Southern Conference reported the election of the following officers: President, the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.; Vice-president, the Rev. Henry Scherer; Secretary, the Rev. Charles P. Smith; Treasurer, the Rev. Arthur E. Alm. The report was adopted.

The secretary of the Northern Conference reported the election of the following officers:

The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D., President; The Rev. Milus Bonker, Vice-President; The Rev. Phillip Bergstresser, Secretary; Mr. Frants Jensen, Treasurer.

The report was adopted.

The session was closed with prayer led by the Rev. John B. Nield, Ph.D.

The Convention vespers were held on Wednesday evening, beginning at 8:00 P.M. The Rev. G. Elson Ruff, Litt.D., gave a stirring message on the needs of the Church throughout the world.

SIXTH SESSION

Thursday, January 29, 1948, 9:00 A.M.

The Sixth Session was opened at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday morning with devotions by the Chaplain on the theme, "Why Do We Live?"

The minutes of the Fifth session were approved. The tellers reported the following election results:

Clerical Delegates to the Convention: President Beasom, The Rev. Carl V. Tambert, The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, The Rev. Henry Scherer, The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert, The Rev. Edward Spirer.

Lay Delegates to the Convention: Mr. Carl A. Bell, Mr. Fritz Noel, Mr. L. S. Johnston, Mr. Howard Logan, Mr. Fritz Bowman, Mrs. Charles Izenour.

Alternates (Clerical): The Rev. A. B. Schwertz, The Rev. J. George Dorn, The Rev. Robert S. Romeis, The Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler, The Rev. Ross Hidy, The Rev. Orville Awerkamp.

Alternates (Lay): Mr. Frants Jensen, Mr. Jerry Vogel, Mr. William Steffenhagen, Mr. William Titmas, Dr. Reinartz, Mr. W. E. Lebold.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was adopted.

THE REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Mr. President:

The following letters and papers have been received during the meeting of Synod:

1. Telegram from Sister Mildred Winter, announcing the appointment of Miss Patricia Chafin's entrance into the Philadelphia Deaconess School.
2. Letter from the Rev. Konrad Koosmann, President of the American Lutheran Church of California district.
3. Letter from the Rev. H. W. Falk, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who sends greetings to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE

The motion prevailed that the invitation contained in the letter from the Rev. Konrod Koosmann be accepted.

The Rev. Milus W. Bonker presented the following report:

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Committee on President's Report is cognizant of another extremely prosperous, busy and fruitful year under the leadership of Dr. Beasom.

Of special note for rejoicing in the President's Report is the unprecedented establishment of eight mission congregations, the opening of the California Lutheran Home for the Aged, the realization of a Lutheran Camp, and the extension of the boundaries of Synod to include the states of Nevada, Arizona, and the Territory of Hawaii, as well as California. God has preserved and blessed our president as he has labored physically in the Master's vineyard.

After careful study of the report, this Committee desires to present the following recommendations:

(1) That the pastors of Synod be much more conservative in their demands upon the time of the President; that he be called to the churches of Synod in only the most necessary instances.

(2) That every pastor vigorously promote "The Lutheran" and that each congregation consider this fall's Every Member Visitation program as a time of special solicitation of subscriptions, and consider subsidizing the subscription rate also that it might be in more homes of the parishes. The committees on "The Lutheran" should aid in carrying out this recommendation.

(3) That we give full support to the President's five-point program of evangelism, enlistment, expansion, enrichment and extension. This program should be featured in the next issue of the Golden State Lutheran."

(4) That every congregation give unreserved support to the Synod-wide program of evangelism between Easter and Pentecost, and that standing evangelism committees be appointed in the local churches to carry on the visitation of the unchurched and lapsed members.

(5) That this be a special year of seeking out young men and women for full-time Christian Service. The Committee on Ministerial Education should be charged with the supplying of all possible aids to the congregations.

(6) That each pastor lay plans early to participate in the fall program of Sunday School enrollment.

(7) That each congregation seriously and prayerfully give complete support to the Synod-wide campaign for the raising of funds for local purposes, and that a special committee be appointed to carry out the provisions of this recommendation.

(8) That the Harvest Home Festival for the Home for the Aged become an annual celebration.

(9) That in the closing prayer of Convention, the Chaplain lead us in beseeching Almighty God to grant Dr. Beasom continued strength in body and soul to lead us still onward in the extending of the Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

MILUS W. BONKER, Chairman

The motion prevailed that the report be received and the recommendations considered seriatim.

Item 1 was adopted by rising vote.

Items 2 to 6 inclusive were adopted.

Item 7 was adopted as amended.

Items 8 and 9 were adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The Rev. George A. Spindt presented:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

Attendance at this Convention has been remarkably high on the parts of both Clergy and lay delegates.

All but eleven of the Clergy on the roll of Synod have been present, with proper excuse presented for all but one of these. No excuse was received from the Rev. A. J. Soldan, D.D. The several retired members of Synod present are to be congratulated on their attendance. Most of these retired men not present sent excuses.

The Committee recommend that all Chaplains be excused.

The Committee further recommends that a letter be sent by the Secretary of Synod to the secretary of each congregation which had no lay delegate present and presented no excuse for their absences, expressing regret that the congregation was not properly represented by both lay and clerical delegates and requesting more careful consideration at future Conventions of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES
GEORGE A. SPINDT, Chairman
WILLIAM CAPEL
TITUS SCHOLL
CHARLES P. SMITH

The following report was adopted.

REPORT OF CLAIMS COMMITTEE

(For other than Transportation to Synod)

First Church—San Diego

Telegram	$ 1.94
Two Typists $24.00 and Telegram 7.50	31.50
Three Telegrams	5.00
Two Long Distance Calls	3.00
Postage	2.50
Stationery	5.50
Typewriter rent	2.50
Print tickets	2.00
Carlyle Hagen—Janitor service	10.00
TOTAL	$63.94

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SCHERER

The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser presented:

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL LUTHER LEAGUE

The year 1947 witnessed the formation of a Synodical Luther League. Three representatives from the Northern Conference Luther League and three from the District Luther League of Southern California together with one representative of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met twice during the year for the purpose of drawing up a proposed Constitution for the Synodical League and to prepare plans for a Charter Convention. This Convention was held in St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, over the Labor Day week-end. At this time, 123 registered as delegates. The President of the United Lutheran Church in America, the President of Synod, Dr. Paul Empie and Rev. Charles Reinbrecht, were the principal speakers. Application was made for membership in the Luther League of America. This has been granted and the Synodical League is now the officially recognized unit of the National Group here on the territory of Synod.

The purpose of the Synodical League is to handle business matters and to provide the contact with the national League. The district leagues will continue to function in inspirational matters.

Mr. George Steffins was elected President; Mr. Paul Koch, Vice President; Miss Harriet Denton, Recording Secretary; Miss Frieda Blotter, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. Albert Anspach, Treasurer and Mr. Paul Spindt, Statistician.

Recommendations

1. That each Pastor of Synod be instructed to use every means possible to organize and encourage the formation of a Luther League or Leagues, within the Congregation he serves.

2. That youth groups within the local Congregations be encouraged to affiliate with the Synodical League as soon as possible.

3. That each Congregation be advised to encourage a youth leader to attend Synod and thus gain the inspiration and knowledge to be obtained through witnessing the Church in action.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE F. CROUSER

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Clifford B. Holand presented:

THE REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

During the past year five meetings of this group were held.

The cause of social missions received a great forward impetus in our Synod through the "School of Social Missions" sponsored by the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church at the Pacific Palisades Camp grounds at Pacific Palisades. The attendance for the school totaled thirty-nine. Speakers and leaders for the different sessions included Dr. C. F. Koch, the Rev. F. A. Shearer, Dr. Alfred P. Haake, Dr. Frederick A. Smith, the Rev. Carl V. Tambert and the Rev. Clifford B. Holand.

The Committee on Social Missions recommends:

1. That we express to the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church our sincere appreciation for the School sponsored on our territory during the past year.

2. That we express our gratitude to the Social Missions Board of the U.L.C. for its continued financial support of the program for the Home for the Aged at Alhambra. (Last year they allotted $1200 for his cause. This year it was $900.)

3. That we express our gratitude to all who have so generously helped to make possible the opening of the Home for the Aged during the past year.

4. That we pray for further guidance so that the entire debt on the Home may soon be paid off, in order that even greater gains may be made in this important field of social missions.

5. That we enter wholeheartedly into the program for Evangelization as it will be led in our Synod this spring through the Board of Social Missions.

6. That the theme of our Northern and Southern Conference meetings for the coming fall be that of Social Missions, and that this Committee be authorized to contact outstanding speakers and leaders as soon as possible.

7. That we express our gratitude to the National Lutheran Council for the outstanding work being done on our territory by Pastors Mattson and Smith.

8. That during the coming year each Pastor of Synod shall contact either Pastor Smith or Pastor Mattson and arrange for them to present the cause of the National Lutheran Council at their churches, if possible, at regular church services.

9. That the churches of Synod include in their budgets an appropriation for the work of the Lutheran Welfare Council on this territory.

10. That every possible encouragement be given to the social agencies within the conferences, such as the Samaritan Society which is rendering such an outstanding service.

11. That there be a careful study by each Pastor of the literature received from time to time from the U.L.C. Board of Social Missions. This material is being prepared by men who are qualified to aid us in the work of the Master, and to give us a broader vision of the Kingdom of God. Members of the staff, who are always available for advice, include Dr. C. Franklin Koch, Executive Secretary; the Rev. Francis A. Shearer, Secretary for Inner Missions; the Rev. Royal E. Lesher, Director of Evangelism; the Rev. Peter J. Dexnis, Associate Director of Evangelism and the Rev. Harold C. Letts, Secretary for Social Action.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD B. HOLAND, Chairman
FREDERICK A. SMITH
LOUIS HERTZ
E. J. MATTSON
HENRY I. KOHLER

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Charles Miley presented

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Meeting May 13, 1947, Los Angeles, Calif.

MOTION PREVAILED that Mr. Robert Wheatley, having passed a very satisfactory examination, be recommended for ordination to the Gospel Ministry.

(Signed) ERWIN A. VOSSELER, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Meeting, January 28, 1948, San Diego, Calif.

Motion prevailed that we recommend the following men be received as members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

Pastor Kenneth E. Linton, Transferred from Synod of Ohio.
Pastor Harvey G. Schwegler, Transferred from Iowa Synod.
Pastor John P. Stump, Transferred from Pittsburg Synod.
Pastor Walter M. Stuhr, Transferred from Synod of the North West.
Pastor Quentin P. Garman, Transferred from Central Penn.

Motion prevailed that we recommend the approval of ad interim ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry, subject to their approval by the examining committee.

Motion prevailed that Pastor H. W. Falk, having made no formal application for membership in our synod, but having given indication that such action may be forthcoming, that we authorize the president of Synod to receive him, subject to approval of the examining committee.

(Signed) CHARLES A. MILEY, Sec'y Pro Tem
(Signed) J. GEORGE DORN, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Frederick K. Wentz presented

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your Resolutions Committee offers the following resolutions

1. Whereas we are deeply appreciative of the excellent hospitality extended us by the pastor and members of First Lutheran Church, San Diego, Calif., in offering their church for the use of this convention, be it resolved that this body express its gratitude by a rising vote and that this resolution be presented to the congregation at a public service.

2. Whereas the local newspapers have given excellent news coverage of this Convention of Synod, be it resolved that this body express its appreciation and that such expression be conveyed to the San Diego Daily Journal, the San Diego Union and the San Diego Tribune Sun by letter from the secretary.

3. Whereas we have been greatly inspired by the presence and messages of Dr. G. Elson Ruff, Editor of "The Lutheran," and official representative of the U.L.C.A. to Synod, of Dr. H. P. Hieronymus, President of Midland College and

of the Rev. Royal Lesher, Director of Evangelism of the Board of Social Missions of the U.L.C.A., be it resolved that this body express its sincere gratitude to them with a rising vote.

4. Whereas the Cover of the 1947 Year Book of the U.L.C.A. commemorates the 200th Anniversary of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and whereas next year marks the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Lutheranism on the West Coast, be it resolved that this body by letter from the secretary to Dr. F. Eppling Reianrtz, Editor, commend him upon this year's Cover and request that next year's Year Book Cover commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of Lutheranism on the West Coast.

5. Whereas legislation establishing Universal Military Training is pending in the United States Congress and whereas there are serious spiritual and moral principles involved in such national policy requiring Christian interpretation leading to intelligent Christian conviction concerning such legislation; Be it resolved that the Pastors of Synod be encouraged to study both sides of universal military training and present the subject to their congregations in the light of their studied convictions; be it further resolved that this body petition the Board of Social Missions of the U.L.C.A. to give further serious study to this important issue and to present to the Church a clear statement and recommended position thereon.

6. Whereas poor regulation of the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the State of California is detrimental to the public welfare and a demoralizing influence upon our society and whereas the temperance forces and many of the churches of the State of California have undertaken a united campaign of education and legislation to provide local control of liquor licenses, be it resolved that this body go on record as cooperating with the present program for legislation and education of the California Temperance Federation; and be it further resolved that this body recommend to its congregations that they aid in the campaign by personal work and financial help.

7. Be it resolved that the theme of our northern and southern conferences meetings for the coming fall be that of Social Missions, and that the Committee of Social Missions be authorized to arrange for qualified speakers and leaders.

8. Be it resolved that the churches of Synod include in their budgets an apportionment for the work of the Lutheran Welfare Council on this territory.

9. Whereas the present date of the annual Convention of Synod interferes seriously with the pastors' preparation for the Lenten Season and whereas it renders it difficult if not impossible to secure adequate reports for the convention, be it resolved that the date of the annual Convention of Synod be changed to revert to the custom prevailing prior to 1945, i.e. that of holding the Convention in late April or early May.

10. Be it resolved that a Pre-Convention Session be held beginning at 3:00 P.M. on the opening day of the Convention of Synod and that the Ministerium and the Laymen meet in separate sessions until 5:30 to discuss informally the expected business of the Convention.

11. Whereas the statistics compiled for the bulletin of convention represent much effort and are of wide interest and value, be it resolved that all the statistical reports of the statistician in the bulletin of the 57th annual convention be included in the printed minutes of the convention to a maximum of five printed pages selected by the statistician with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee.

12. Be it resolved that due to the increasing demands upon the President of Synod in the Home Missions Field of the Synod that the Congregations be urged to make fuller use of the Presidents of Conferences and that the President of Synod be called upon only in those cases of utmost importance in the congregational life of the several churches.

13. Be it resolved that we express in prayer deep and humble gratitude to our Father God for the great material advancement and spiritual growth which He has granted this Synod throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The motion prevailed that the report be received and the recommendations be considered seriatim:

Item 1 was adopted by rising vote.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted by rising vote.

Items 4 and 5 were adopted.

Item 6 was adopted as amended.

Items 7 and 8 were adopted.

Item 9 was referred to the Executive Committee.

Item 10 was referred to the Special Committee which is to study lay participation in the Conventions of Synod.

Items 11-13, inclusive, were adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the officers of Synod be named the Trustees of Synod.

The motion prevailed that, in view of the serious shortage of men in the Gosped Ministry, the California Synod establish a Theological Seminary on the territory of Synod, preferably in the Bay area.

The motion prevailed that, at the conclusion of Convention, we join in giving thanks to Almighty God for the splendid leadership of the President of the Synod.

The officers were installed in a special service led by the President of Synod.

The minutes of the Sixth Session were approved as read.

The motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned.

The Convention was officially closed by the use of the Prescribed Order.

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR., D.D., President

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the Minutes of the Fifty-seventh Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, held in First Lutheran Church, San Diego, California, January 26, 27, 28 and 29, 1948.

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — NORTHERN CONFERENCE
For the Year Beginning January 1, 1948

CHURCH	COMMUNING MEMBERS	APPORTIONMENT Per Month	APPORTIONMENT Total	LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION	GRAND TOTAL
1. Berkeley—St. Michael's	221	147	1764	442	2206
2. Fresno—First	232	155	1860	464	2324
3. Fresno—St. Paul's	145	97	1164	290	1454
4. Fresno—Wartburg	37	25	300	74	374
5. Honolulu—Honolulu	144	96	1152	288	1440
6. Lihue—Lihue	11	7	84	22	106
7. Oakland—First	305	203	2436	610	3046
8. Oakland—St. John's	112	75	900	224	1124
*9. Reno—Good Shepherd	75	50	600	150	750
10. Richmond—Grace	415	277	3324	830	4154
11. Richmond—St. James	42	28	336	84	420
12. Sacramento—First English	258	172	2064	516	2580
13. Sacramento—St. John's	563	375	4500	1126	5626
14. Sacramento—St. Paul's	51	34	408	102	510
15. San Francisco—First English	58	39	468	116	584
16. San Francisco—St. Mark's	400	267	3204	800	4004
17. San Francisco—St. Matthew's	132	88	1056	264	1320
18. San Francisco—Temple	72	48	576	144	720
19. Sanger—St. Paul's	50	33	396	100	496
20 San Jose—Grace	183	122	1464	366	1830
21. San Mateo—St. Andrew's	93	62	744	186	930
22. Vallejo—St. Paul's	144	96	1152	288	1440
*23. Yreka—Mt. Zion	40	27	324	80	404
TOTAL	3783	2523	30276	7566	37842

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
For the Year Beginning January 1, 1948

CHURCH	COMMUNING MEMBERS	APPORTIONMENT Per Month	APPORTIONMENT Total	LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION	GRAND TOTAL
24. Alhambra—Grace	321	214	2568	642	3210
25. Altadena—Altadena	95	63	756	190	946
26. Beverly Hills—Beverly Hills	227	151	1816	454	2270
27. Burbank—Luth. Memorial	102	68	816	205	1020

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — SOUTHERN CONFERENCE (Cont'd)
For the Year Beginning January 1, 1948

CHURCH	COMMUNING MEMBERS	APPORTIONMENT Per Month	APPORTIONMENT Total	LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION	GRAND TOTAL
28. Culver City—Grace	80	53	636	160	796
*29. El Monte	45	30	360	90	450
30. Gardena—St. John's	123	82	984	246	1230
31. Glendale—First	906	604	7248	1812	9060
32. Hollywood—Hollywood	872	581	6972	1744	8716
33. Huntington Park—St. Luke's	335	223	2676	670	3346
34. Inglewood—Holy Trinity	300	200	2400	600	3000
*35. Lakewood—Lakewood	42	28	336	84	420
36. Long Beach—Faith	97	65	780	194	974
37. Long Beach—Trinity	414	276	3312	818	4130
38. Los Angeles—Advent	311	207	2484	622	3106
39. Los Angeles—Bethany	147	98	1176	294	1470
40. Los Angeles—First English	640	427	5124	1280	6404
41. Los Angeles—St. Mark's	173	115	1380	346	1726
42. Los Angeles—St. Paul's	84	56	672	168	840
*43. Los Angeles—Transfiguration	62	41	492	124	616
44. North Hollywood—St. Matthew's	406	271	3252	812	4064
45. Pasadena—Trinity	350	233	2796	700	3496
46. Phoenix—Faith	159	106	1272	318	1590
47. Phoenix—Grace	704	469	5628	1408	7036
*48. Pomona—Trinity	45	30	360	90	450
49. Redlands—First	106	71	852	212	1064
50. Riverside—Trinity	180	120	1440	360	1800
51. San Bernardino—First	213	142	1704	416	2120
*52. San Diego—Christ	96	64	768	192	960
53. San Diego—First	325	217	2604	650	3254
54. San Diego—St. Peter's	40	27	324	80	404
55. Santa Barbara—Grace	109	73	876	218	1094
56. Santa Monica—St. Paul's	349	233	2976	698	3494
57. Tucson—Our Saviour's	168	112	1344	336	1680
58. Westwood—Village	96	64	768	192	960
59. Whittier—Salem	70	47	564	140	704
TOTAL	8792	5861	70336	17564	87900
TOTALS FOR SYNOD	12575	8384	100612	25130	125742

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Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	ADDRESS: COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1947	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	CONFIRMED: Number of Members	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	COMMUNING: Number of Members	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
									14			15			16			
1	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	4609 Benvenue Ave.(Oakland)	Alameda	1	H. G. Schwegler	E	302		166	265		18	221	19		1
2	Fresno	First	1917	630 Ferger Ave.	Fresno	2	Charles A. Miley	E	531	36		361	29		232	7		2
3	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	2112 Lotus Ave.	Fresno	2	August S. Claus	EG	528	2		442			145			3
4	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	561 "D" St.	Fresno	2	John C. Bitter	EG	213	5		179		3	37			4
5	Honolulu	Honolulu	1900	448 So. Beretania, Honolulu 43	Honolulu	1	H. Edward Hamme	E	349	104		246	59		144	43		5
6	Lihue	Lihue	1883	Lihue	Kauai	4	Dr. Arthur Hormann	E	68			45			11		17	6
7	Oakland	First	1890	659 16th St. (Zone 12)	Alameda	1	H. Paul Romeis	E	510		50	378		38	305	22		7
8	Oakland	St. John's	1921	1820 55th Ave.	Alameda	1	Philip W. Bergstresser	E	248	13		164	10		112	2		8
*9	Reno, Nevada	Good Shepherd	1947	Masonic Temple	Washoe	1	J. Edward Oslund	E	112	112		75	75		75	75		9*
10	Richmond	Grace	1924	513 13th St.	Contra Costa	1	Milus W. Bonker	E	774	128		474	61		415	75		10
11	Richmond	St. James	1946	1331 Panhandle Blvd.	Contra Costa	1	Fred H. Bartelt, Jr.	E	130	34		90	21		42	7		11
12	Sacramento	First English	1889	2910 39th St.	Sacramento	1	Paul H. Wolpert	E	515	56		352	28		258	10		12
13	Sacramento	St. John's	1867	1701 "L" St.	Sacramento	1	Robert S. Romeis	E	1039	123		707	66		563	60		13
14	Sacramento	St. Paul's	1945	5th Ave. and 59th St.	Sacramento	1	T. A. Youngquist	E	112	28		62	17		51	10		14
15	San Francisco	First English	1886	380 18th Ave.	San Francisco	1	Dwight L. Miley	E	93		140	70		58	58		10	15
16	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell St.	San Francisco	1	J. George Doru	E	999	59		676	15		400	15		16
17	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1895	3281 16th St.	San Francisco	1	Herman Lucas	EG	292		135	238	16		132			17
18	San Francisco	Temple	1917	15 Latona St. (Zone 24)	San Francisco	1	Eldon R. Miller	E	168		12	130			72	2		18
19	Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1123 "N" St.	Fresno	4	J. S. Herold	EG	191	26		144	18		50	15		19
20	San Jose	Grace	1892	59 East Julian St.	Santa Clara	2	Vacant	E	357		21	253	7		183	17		20
21	San Mateo	St. Andrew's	1944	100 N. Ellsworth	San Mateo	2	E. Dale Click	E	160		24	109		19	93		2	21
22	Vallejo	St. Paul's	1943	1309 Tuolumne St.	Solano	2	Glen O. Balsley	E	342	121		186	62		144	59		22
*23	Yreka	Mt. Zion	1947	K. P. Lodge Hall	Siskiyou	4	Kenneth Linton	E	77	77		56	56		40	40		23*
	1947 Totals	Congregations 23					Pastors 34		8110	924	548	5702	540	136	3783	478	29	1947
	1946 Totals	Congregations 21					Pastors 30		7734	1047	115	5298	717	90	3334	564	1	1946
	Increase	2					4		376		433	404		46	449		28	Inc.
	Decrease									123			177			86		Dec.

* New Congregation (1) 100,000 or over (2) 25,000 to 99,999 (3) 10,000 to 24,999 (4) 2,500 to 9,999

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Index Number	MEMBERSHIP			CHILD MEMBERS											ADULT MEMBERS									EDUCATION															Index Number
				Accessions			Losses					Gain or Loss			Accessions					Losses				PARISH										HIGHER					
																								Sunday Schools					Weekday Schools			Children of Church						
	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	By Baptism 1	By Certificate	Total A	Trans. by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissal 6	Total B	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismissal 13	Total D	Number 17	Staff Members 18	In Sun. School 19	In Hme Dept. 20	Nursery Roll 21	Number 22	Teachers 23	Pupils 24	Leaders 25	Pupils 26	Number of Catechumens 27	In Lutheran Seminaries 28	In Lutheran Motherhouses 29	In Other Luth. Insts. 30	In Non-Luth. Insts. 31	
1	302	265	221	12	16	28	6	...	4	166	176	...	148	5	25	52	2	84	3	18	81	102	1	18	110	...	11	2	5	20	...	...	30	2	...	...	15	1
2	531	361	232	26	4	30	4	1	6	12	23	7	...	9	12	18	8	47	...	7	11	18	1	22	169	...	67	1	15	116	...	...	38	...	...	...	11	2
3	528	442	145	7	...	7	5	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	5	11	...	16	12	...	4	16	1	10	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	3
4	213	179	37	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	4	1	4	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	4
5	349	246	144	33	22	55	10	...	...	...	10	45	...	3	15	46	3	67	2	6	...	8	1	18	106	...	11	2	2	83	...	...	29	...	...	...	5	5
6	68	45	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
7	510	378	305	27	5	32	4	...	10	30	44	...	12	1	8	21	5	35	1	19	53	73	1	25	150	...	45	...	...	...	1	15	25	...	...	...	15	7
8	248	164	112	6	3	9	2	1	...	3	6	3	...	2	7	3	4	16	4	1	1	6	1	12	57	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	4	8
*9	112	75	75	4	33	37	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	4	22	19	30	75	...	...	...	...	1	7	45	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	9*
10	774	474	415	57	13	70	3	...	...	...	3	67	...	2	22	72	15	111	2	5	43	50	1	31	256	...	63	1	10	120	...	...	24	...	...	1	12	10
11	130	90	42	8	10	18	2	...	...	3	5	13	...	2	4	2	20	28	1	...	6	7	1	7	39	8	15	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	2	11
12	515	352	258	29	12	41	3	1	5	4	13	28	...	9	20	26	11	66	6	7	25	38	1	18	158	...	46	1	13	179	...	...	29	...	...	1	8	12
13	1039	707	563	65	14	79	4	...	9	9	22	57	...	23	28	60	20	131	5	11	49	65	1	19	180	...	90	1	10	60	...	...	71	...	...	...	16	13
14	112	62	51	10	2	12	1	...	...	...	1	11	...	3	6	6	2	17	...	...	...	...	1	9	98	...	13	1	6	89	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	14
15	93	70	58	2	2	4	2	...	...	84	86	...	82	...	2	5	1	8	...	1	65	66	1	5	29	...	6	1	1	23	...	...	12	...	...	...	3	15
16	999	676	400	50	8	58	...	...	4	10	14	44	...	7	22	37	17	83	7	21	40	68	1	15	100	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	40	1	...	...	20	16
17	292	238	132	18	6	24	...	...	3	172	175	...	151	...	6	16	...	22	2	...	4	6	1	8	74	...	56	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	1	6	17
18	168	130	72	6	2	8	8	...	2	10	20	...	12	2	9	7	2	20	3	7	10	20	1	7	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	18
19	191	144	50	7	5	12	4	...	...	...	4	8	...	1	4	12	6	23	2	3	...	5	1	7	36	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	5	19
20	357	253	183	24	7	31	5	...	7	47	59	...	28	5	5	16	18	44	3	6	28	37	1	11	91	14	27	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	10	20
21	160	109	93	8	11	19	1	...	13	10	24	...	5	1	7	17	5	30	2	22	25	49	1	18	82	..	13	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	3	21
22	342	186	144	23	59	82	5	1	15	2	23	59	...	4	22	38	21	85	...	17	6	23	1	12	130	...	32	1	8	46	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	22
*23	77	56	40	11	16	27	5	...	...	1	6	21	...	6	5	2	45	58	2	...	...	2	1	4	26	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	23*
1947	8,110	5,702	3,783	441	250	691	74	4	78	563	719	410	438	90	256	486	235	1,067	61	151	451	663	23	292	2,152	22	655	11	70	736	1	15	476	3	...	3	135	1947
1946	7,734	5,298	3,334	387	201	588	68	3	55	157	283	391	86	98	350	506	208	1,162	54	150	331	535	21	253	1,905	70	364	6	61	502	5	52	553	1	1	4	111	1946
Inc.	376	404	449	54	49	103	6	1	23	406	436	19	352	...	...	...	27	...	7	1	120	128	2	39	247	...	291	5	9	234	...	...	...	2	...	...	24	Inc.
Dec.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	94	20	...	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	...	...	...	...	4	37	77	...	1	1	...	Dec.

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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS								FINANCIAL																			Index Number
	Men's		Women's		Mixed		Y. People		VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY							Congregational Expenses			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE									
																			UNAPPORTIONED						APPORTIONED			
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	56	57	58	
1	1	45	1	35	2	60	2	28	12,500	15,500	6,000	725		34,725	7,950	5,603	2,185	7,788	200	50		419	1,264	1,933	1,008	1,008	2,941	10,729	1
2	1	37	2	65			2	43	13,500	4,500	4,000		3,544	25,544	1,800	6,495	1,981	8,476	76	22	84	150	1,216	1,548	1,128	1,187	2,735	11,211	2
3			2	108			1	22	8,000	5,000	5,000			18,000		6,175	2,500	8,675					301	301	720	725	1,026	9,701	3
4			1	41			1	22	7,000					7,000		2,213	400	2,613					176	176	180	216	392	3,005	4
5			1	39	1	45	1	11	60,000	19,761	30,000	22,319	2,000	134,080	2,000	8,594	2,044	10,638				763	727	1,490	504	627	2,117	12,755	5
6									15,000					15,000											144	144	144	144	6
7	1	40	2	95	1	30	1	20	20,000		5,000			25,000		9,636	845	10,481	135	111	150	2229	1,190	3,815	1,416	1,447	5,262	15,743	7
8	1	20	2	74					20,000			2,000		22,000	637	3,681	438	4,119	60	419		162	60	701	552	552	1,253	5,372	8
*9										14,000				14,000	14,000	850		850										850	9*
10	1	25	2	60	1	25	3	55	35,000	9,000			4,500	48,500	4,000	9,026	2,070	11,096	321	286	230	974	1,129	2,940	1,704	1,704	4,644	15,740	10
11			1	18						8,000			3,600	11,600	11,200	965	1,000	1,965	10			10	20	40	120	120	160	2,125	11
12	1	23	1	67			2	19	40,000				1,823	47,823		7,823	1,658	9,481	150	138	127	654	328	1,397	1,236	1,248	2,645	12,126	12
13	1	25	3	107	1	40	3	51	180,000	15,000	6,000	500	29,290	224,790		15,444	6,741	22,185	300	75	450		2,845	3,670	2,520	2,520	6,190	28,375	13
14	1	12	1	13			2	51	4,000	7,500				11,500	10,320	1,497	1,798	3,295				199	121	320	204	218	538	3,833	14
15			2	18						13,500			43,500	56,500		2,449	488	2,937				202	246	448	336	336	784	3,721	15
16	1	25	3	140	1	30	2	45	250,000			75,000	20,000	345,000	14,500	17,064	39,483	56,547	50	269	14	1029	885	2,247	1,920	1,920	4,167	60,714	16
17	1	12	2	56	1	12	2	47	36,000					36,000		6,048	3,030	9,078	60	25	5		610	700	660	663	1,363	10,441	17
18					1	17	1	12	9,000	8,000				17,000	100	3,565	1,133	4,698					208	208	348	360	568	5,266	18
19			1	35					4,000	2,000				6,000		1,977	1,245	3,222	29				45	74	120	180	254	3,476	19
20	1	32	5	90			1	23	35,000	10,000				45,000	2,100	4,914	830	5,744	120	141	30	79	415	785	828	828	1,613	7,357	20
21	1	12	1	25	1	12	3	22		12,000		1,485	17,872	31,357	15,463	2,631	624	3,255				109	488	597	480	485	1,082	4,337	21
22	1	19	5	80			1	10	4,000	8,000			10,744	22,744	10,400	3,477	1,275	4,752	101	152	52	598	546	1,449	420	420	1,869	6,621	22
*23			1	10												1,012		1,012								38	38	1,050	23*
1947	13	327	39	1176	10	271	28	481	753,000	151,261	56,000	102,029	136,873	1,199,163	94,470	121,139	71,768	192,907	1612	1688	1142	7577	12,820	24,839	16,548	16,946	41,785	234,692	1947
1946	12	232	43	1221	9	227	25	451	580,000	135,250	25,500	97,300	112,815	950,865	84,782	106,834	49,794	156,628	2354	1531	651	2899	20,824	28,259	13,836	14,477	42,736	199,364	1946
Inc.	1	95			1	44	3	30	173,000	16,011	30,500	4,729	24,053	248,298	9,688	14,305	21,974	36,279		157	491	4678			2,712	2,469		35,328	Inc.
Dec.			4	45															742				8,004	3,420			951		Dec.

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Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	ADDRESS: COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1947	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members 14	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: CONFIRMED: Number of Members 15	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: COMMUNING: Number of Members 16	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
24	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 No. Atlantic Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Harold J. Lorimer	E	607	44		450	18		321	20		24
25	Altadena	Altadena	1944	197 West Foothill Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Howard A. Lenhardt	E	184		11	123		4	95		9	25*
26	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive	Los Angeles	1	Guy L. Hudson	E	483	36		354	31		227	1		26
27	Burbank	Luther Memorial	1946	Women's Club, Olive Ave. & 7th St.	Los Angeles	2	L. A. Failing	E	212	57		155	41		102	17		27
28	Culver City	Grace	1945	4427 Overland Ave.	Los Angeles	3	Frederick K. Wentz	E	207	84		125	45		80	30		28
*29	El Monte	Redeemer	1947	809 E. Bryant Road	Los Angeles	2	Willis J. Forsyth	E	95	95		61	61		45	45		29
30	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 W. 163rd St.	Los Angeles	3	J. Emory Ackerman	E	226	14		159	11		123	18		30
31	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St.	Los Angeles	1	Carl V. Tambert	E	1306	88		1083	50		906	104		31
32	Hollywood	Hollywood	1921	1733 No. New Hampshire Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Robert D. Kerstetter	E	1773	185		1233	110		872	118		32
33	Huntington Park	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave.	Los Angeles	2	Charles P. Smith	E	646	4		481	31		335	21		33
34	Inglewood	Holy Trinity	1941	8406 S. Crenshaw Drive	Los Angeles	2	J. Benner Weaver	E	491	15		329	6		300	40		34
*35	Lakewood	Lakewood	1947	3806 San Anseline Ave.	Los Angeles	3	Louis F. Mertz	E	82	82		55	55		42	42		35*
36	Long Beach	Faith	1945	3040 Santa Fe Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Donald E. Wagner	E	203	36		111	6		97	24		36
37	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	759 Linden Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Orval Awerkamp	E	808	77		577	72		414	103		37
38	Los Angeles	Advent	1886	1329 S. Alvarado St.	Los Angeles	1	Henry Scherer	E	488	29		358	36		311	62		38
39	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro St.	Los Angeles	1	Henry Irving Kohler	E	540		80	275		88	147	7		39
40	Los Angeles	First English	1887	3119 West Sixth St.	Los Angeles	1	Albert B. Schwertz	E	1338	119		1033	80		640	70		40
41	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place	Los Angeles	1	John B. Nield	E	340		57	288		30	173		20	41
42	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1914	3010 Eagle St.	Los Angeles	1	Clarence F. Crouser	E	139	35		93	21		84	21		42
*43	Los Angeles	Transfiguration	1947	8515 S. Rayford Dr.	Los Angeles	1	Franklin A. Swanson	E	162	162		108	108		62	62		43*
44	North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	Los Angeles	1	Edward N. Spirer	E	821		40	477		58	406	91		44
45	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	997 E. Walnut St.	Los Angeles	1	Vacant	E	725	36		538	18		350			45
46	Phoenix, Ariz.	Faith	1945	805 East Camelback Road	Maricopa	1	Donald W. Ender	E	308	128		214	84		159	55		46
47	Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	1914	1124 North Third St.	Maricopa	1	H. C. Lindsay	E	1197	36		767	2		704	131		47
*48	Pomona	Trinity	1947	737 So. Hamilton Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Paul Gerberding	E	94	94		54	54		45	45		48*
49	Redlands	First	1901	East Olive at Myrtle	San Bernardino	3	Paul E. Keck	E	176	19		134	13		106	16		49
50	Riverside	Trinity	1892	9th and Walnut Sts.	Riverside	2	F. W. Heinecken	E	311	77		240	56		180	30		50
51	San Bernardino	First	1907	631 G. Street	San Bernardino	1	Arthur W. Alm	E	592	43		398	20		213	11		51
*52	San Diego	Christ	1947	4761 Cass St.	San Diego	1	Quentin P. Garman	E	163	163		110	110		96	96		52*
53	San Diego	First	1888	1320 Second Ave.	San Diego	1	Erwin A Vosseler	E	763	28		556	6		325	5		53
54	San Diego	St. Peter's	1946	4668 Tivoli St.	San Diego	1	H. A. Anspach	E	124		1	59		14	40		23	54
55	Santa Barbara	Grace	1904	1109 Anacapa	Santa Barbara	2	George A Spindt	E	195	30		140	22		109	8		55
56	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	958 Lincoln Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Clifford B. Holand	E	886	74		539	20		349	35		56
57	Tucson, Ariz.	Our Saviour's	1945	No. 2nd Ave. & E. 6th St.	Pima	1	Titus R. Scholl	E	262	65		201	32		168	46		57
58	Westwood	Village	1937	343 Sepulveda Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	A. J. Soldan	E	146		77	116		8	96	27		58
59	Whittier	Salem	1946	132 S. Greenleaf Ave.	Los Angeles	3	David E. Robison	E	143	38		98	25		70	12		59
	1947 Totals	Congregations 36.					Pastors 62		17236	1993	266	12092	1244	202	8792	1403	52	1947
	1946 Totals	Congregations 31.					Pastors 64		15509	1993	470	11050	1492	134	7441	1289	67	1946
	Increase	5.							1727			1042		68	1351	114		Inc.
	Decrease						2				204		248				15	Dec.

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				Accessions			Losses					Gain or Loss		Accessions				Losses						PARISH												HIGHER				
																								Sunday Schools					Weekday Schools			Children of Church							
	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	By Baptism 1	By Certificate 2	Total A	Trans. by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissl 6	Total B	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismisl 13	Total D	Number 17	Staff Membrs 18	In Sun. School 19	In Home Dept. 20	Cradle Roll 21	Number 22	Teachers 23	Pupils 24	Leaders 25	Pupils 26	Number of Catechumens 27	In Lutheran Seminaries 28	In Lutheran Motherhouses 29	In Other Luth. Insts. 30	In Non-Luth. Insts. 31	
24	607	450	321	15	30	45	6		3	10	19	26			7	61	22	90	5	18	49	72	1	36	180	22	46	1	7	54	5	35	14			1	11	24
25	184	123	95	7	15	22	3			26	29		7	3	15	21	1	40	1	7	36	44	1	13	85		9	1	6	70			23					25
26	483	354	227	7	5	12	6		1	7	5			5	14	8	15	42	1	3	7	11	1	12	103								19				12	26
27	212	155	102	14	7	21	3		2		5	16			13	30		43		2		2	1	7	39		8				6	16	13				2	27
28	207	125	80	28	21	49	2		1	7	10	39		2	3	28	23	56	1	2	8	11	1	16	158			2	18	65			17			1	1	28
*29	95	61	45	3	32	35	1				1	34		3	4	43	12	62		1		1	1	5	31								10				1	29*
30	226	159	123	21	6	27	2		6	16	24	3		11	7	21		39		15	13	28	1	13	150		20						22				2	30
31	1,306	1,083	906	44	27	71	4	1	16	12	33	38		9	40	54	26	129	11	43	25	79	1	43	435		107	1	20	110			110	2		7	23	31
32	1,773	1,233	872	73	26	99	6	1	11	6	24	75		9	38	86	52	185	9	37	29	75	1	38	385	28	93	1	1	65	2	48	149				18	32
33	646	481	335	26	8	34	1		1	59	61		27	2	13	26	3	44		10	3	13	1	20	159	18	36	1	4	26	2	30	17				10	33
34	491	329	300	29	11	40	7	1	6	17	31	9		6	20	24	13	63		18	39	57	1	16	169		42						48				2	34
*35	82	55	42	12	18	30	3				3	27		2	41	17		60			5	5	1	5	30		15						46					35*
36	203	111	97	16	16	32			2		2	30		3	2	19	3	27	2	5	14	21	1	11	124								16					36
37	808	577	414	40	8	48		1	8	34	43	5		9	2	100	2	113	5	12	24	41	1	20	225		30						11				18	37
38	488	358	311	23	22	45	6	2	16	28	52		7	6	12	52	30	100	5	23	36	64	1	25	137		30	1	23	55			54			1	10	38
39	540	275	147	15	10	25	12		5		17	8		4	12	8	2	26	2	11	101	114	1	9	100		25						16				3	39
40	1,338	1,033	640	60	7	67	5	2	11	10	28	39		4	10	130		144	3	51	10	64	1	25	160		33	1	4	60			19	1		6	12	40
41	340	288	173	11	3	14	3			38	41		27	4	3	10		17	7	8	32	47	1	10	100		12	1	6	47			16				7	41
42	139	93	84	18	4	22	2			6	8	14		4	7	14	1	26	1	4		5	1	5	59	6	33						16				9	42
*43	162	108	62	15	50	65				11	11	54		5	54	63		122	2		12	14	1	9	173		18						59				12	43*
44	821	477	406	46	20	66	6	2	4	36	48	18		10	32	38	34	114	3	9	160	172	1	28	450		66	1	1	38	2	18	74			1	14	44
45	725	538	350	24	3	27	1	1	3	4	9	18		3	13	26	14	56	7	11	20	38	1	19	212		62	1	8	67			17				6	45
46	308	214	159	14	34	48	3		1		4	44		6	28	48	5	87		3		3	1	27	236	11	22						54			3	5	46
47	1,197	767	704	60	46	106	17		17	38	72	34		10	36	142		188	10	63	113	186	1	43	420	28	84						69				23	47
*48	94	54	45	10	30	40						40			7	33	14	54					1	6	41		9						7					48*
49	176	134	106	7	11	18			2	10	12	6		1	7	15		23		4	6	10	1	10	45		10						11				4	49
50	311	240	180	5	16	21						21		11	15	28	2	56					1	15	60								26				4	50
51	592	398	213	27	10	37	8			6	14	23		1	14	29	2	46	8	9	9	26	1	13	100	6		1	5	75	3	25	16				5	51
*52	163	110	96	15	42	57	2		2		4	53		10	31	72		113		3		3	1	14	125		16						41					52*
53	763	556	325	61	16	77	4		17	34	55	22		5	8	78		91	4	28	53	85	1	18	186	24	70				5	28	19			4	16	53
54	124	59	40	15	4	19	2			4	6	13			19			19		1	32	33	1	12	97		10						19					54
55	195	140	109	5	5	10			2		2	8		2	4	5	16	27		5		5	1	16	66		19	1	2	9			28			1	4	55
56	886	539	349	51	17	68	9		5		14	54		8	19	36	3	66	1	28	17	46	1	18	169		50						27					56
57	262	201	168	24	25	49	4	1	3	8	16	33			18	66		84		8	44	52	1	14	150		15						18	1		10	57
58	146	116	96	23	15	38	7			100	107		69	4	28	15		47			55	55	1	16	149		28						32					58
59	143	98	70	5	8	13						13			1	22	4	27		1	1	2	1	9	91								9				2	59
1947	17,236	12,092	8,792	869	628	1,497	135	12	144	521	812	822	137	162	597	1,468	299	2,526	88	443	953	1,484	36	616	5,599	143	1018	14	105	741	25	200	1162	3		25	246	1947
1946	15,509	11,050	7,441	622	443	1,065	139	4	77	680	900	588	423	121	501	1,368	388	2,378	90	369	561	1,020	30	518	4,575	122	813	11	76	584	17	194	873	3	1	20	208	1946
Inc.	1,727	1,042	1,351	247	185	432		8	67			234		41	96	100		148		74	392	464	6	98	1,024	21	205	3	29	157	8	6	289			5	38	Inc.
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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS: Men's Number	Men's Members	Women's Number	Women's Members	Mixed Number	Mixed Members	Y.People Number	Y.People Members	FINANCIAL: VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY: Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE: UNAPPORTIONED: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	APPORTIONED: Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	Index Number
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56		57	58	
24	1	25	1	23	2	38	2	42	25,000	20,000			6,439	51,439	4,942	7,460	14,516	21,976	313	149	7	392	614	1,475	1,500	1,500	2,975	24,951	24
25			1	35			1	10		12,500			6,000	18,500	8,000	2,683	5,040	7,723	10	36		91	184	321	516	516	837	8,560	25
26	1	23	1	28	1	16	2	37	19,900				19,800	39,700	11,300	5,797	2,037	7,834		427		123		550	1,128	1,128	1,678	9,512	26
27			2	32	1	12				10,500			4,500	15,000	14,471	1,331	150	1,481				115		115	420	420	535	2,016	27
28			1	25			2	15	32,000					32,000	28,250	3,227	595	3,822	15	17		139	89	260	252	267	527	4,349	28
*29	1	10	1	36	1	6				10,000		930	5,000	15,930	13,500	301	406	707					25	25		246	271	978	29*
30	1	26	1	25			1	15	15,000					15,000		4,360	835	5,195				92		92	576	576	668	5,863	30
31	1	110	2	185	3	130	4	110	30,000	11,800	10,080		19,894	71,774		23,945	7,000	30,945	1247	860	3343	789	7,008	13,247	4,008	4,220	17,467	48,412	31
32	1	80	3	204	2	90	2	65	65,000		10,500		30,986	106,486		17,674	4,214	21,888	1036	566	352	3545	3,334	8,833	3,768	5,339	14,172	36,060	32
33	1	33	3	105	1	16	2	41	25,000		1,000		33,168	59,168		7,186	3,257	10,443	40	288	52	243	843	1,466	1,572	1,727	3,193	13,636	33
34	1	48	1	50	2	92	2	38	22,500				31,877	54,377	13,900	7,680	8,715	16,395					914	914	1,296	1,296	2,210	18,605	34
*35			1	10						12,500			350	12,850	11,600	579		579				50	25	75		280	355	934	35*
36	1	10	1	12			1	20	15,000	10,500				25,500	13,600	2,410	900	3,310					410	410	360	378	788	4,098	36
37	1	37	1	100			2	38	75,000					75,000		13,330	1,971	15,301	1052	150		1325	1,000	3,527	1,560	1,560	5,087	20,388	37
38	1	12	3	55	4	128	2	59	50,000	15,000			86	65,086	13,470	10,854	3,949	14,803	370	161	138	769	3,728	5,166	1,248	1,260	6,426	21,229	38
39	1	15	3	25			1	25	40,000					40,000		3,221	1,144	4,365	227				566	793	696	728	1,521	5,886	39
40	1	60	3	140	1	40	3	60	100,000	30,000			10,000	140,000		38,052	1,787	39,839	480	2398	225	672	7,602	11,377	2,856	3,000	14,377	54,216	40
41	1	16	3	72	1	23	1	11	35,000					35,000		6,108	1,192	7,300	35	35	27	911	840	1,848	960	960	2,808	10,108	41
42			2	37			1	43	30,000	11,500				41,500	13,664	2,798	957	3,755		12			399	411	312	312	723	4,478	42
*43	1	15	1	30	1	19			20,200	10,500	2,000		2,200	34,900	30,000	1,191	3,929	5,120					109	109		190	299	5,419	43*
44	1	40	3	70	1	25	4	140	34,000					34,000		9,840	1,893	11,733	821	270	30	182	1,592	2,895	1,572	1,572	4,467	16,200	44
45	1	75	2	68			2	30	80,000	21,815				101,815	3,000	11,378	21,841	33,219	217	211	100	171	3,599	4,298	1,752	1,925	6,223	39,442	45
46			1	45	2	55	1	26	62,500	10,000			7,500	80,000	39,480	4,855	3,313	8,168	120			201	1,047	1,368	516	528	1,896	10,064	46
47	1	80	1	125	1	50	1	40	76,000	6,000		2,600		84,600	14,900	15,520	38,710	54,230	60	2245		1162	13	3,480	2,868	2,868	6,348	60,578	47
*48			1	17			1	9	5,500	10,500	1,500		3,000	20,500	10,000	783	1,355	2,138					55	55		122	177	2,315	48*
49			2	46	1	14	1	16	15,000	13,000				28,000	3,700	4,750	1,534	6,284	112				210	322	456	459	781	7,065	49
50	1	35	3	63	2	90	1	15	20,000	4,000	5,000			29,000		7,569	1,229	8,798					315	315	756	756	1,071	9,869	50
51	1	10	2	50	1	26	2	40	10,000	6,000				16,000	4,000	6,796	527	7,323	130	50	25	300	370	875	1,008	1,008	1,883	9,206	51
*52	1	25	1	30			1	16	17,500	10,000				27,500	26,528	1,946	1,606	3,552		57	180	141	40	418		250	668	4,220	52*
53	1	45	2	75			2	65	40,000	10,000	15,000			65,000	13,500	9,111	1,196	10,307	572	460	83	258	729	2,102	1,596	2,309	4,411	14,718	53
54			1	10			1	6	6,000	8,500			1,891	16,391	11,000	1,330		1,330				45	6	51	312	312	363	1,693	54
55	1	18	1	35	1	12	2	12	30,000	4,000				34,000	2,250	4,451	1,500	5,951	101	10		215	621	947	504	594	1,541	7,492	55
56			2	123	1	25	1	15	110,000		40,000			150,000	40,000	10,474	2,564	13,038		529		77	807	1,413	1,572	1,743	3,156	16,194	56
57			1	35	1	25	1	30		12,000			5,000	17,000	10,600	2,524	950	3,474				216	308	524	612	612	1,136	4,610	57
58			1	30			1	17	56,000					56,000	6,300	9,514	2,800	12,314				100	300	400	348	372	772	13,086	58
59			1	21			1	11	5,500	9,500			350	15,350	12,400	1,869	5,550	7,419				156	80	236	288	358	594	8,013	59
1947	23	848	60	2072	31	932	52	1117	1,167,600	280,115	85,080	3,530	188,041	1,724,366	374,355	262,897	149,162	412,059	6958	8931	4562	12489	37,782	70,713	37,188	41,691	112,404	524,463	1947
1946	19	735	55	2084	19	671	43	945	867,050	164,600	48,429	8,761	148,769	1,237,609	231,711	214,836	75,983	290,819	4815	4683	4187	8980	43,511	66,176	31,092	33,691	99,867	390,686	1946
Inc.	4	113	5		12	261	9	172	300,550	115,515	36,651		39,272	486,757	142,644	48,061	73,179	121,240	2143	4248	375	3500		4,537	6,096	8,000	12,537	133,777	Inc.
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SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—Continued

Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION: Geographical Loc. of Church Bldg. (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	ADDRESS: COUNTY: Total	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1946: Pastors	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members 14	Gain or Loss: Net Gain	Net Loss	CONFIRMED: Number of Members 15	Gain or Loss: Net Gain	Net Loss	COMMUNING: Number of Members 16	Gain or Loss: Net Gain	Net Loss	Index Number
	North. Conference	Congregations, 23		13	7	.....	3	23		34		8,110	924	548	5,702	540	136	3,783	478	29	
	South. Conference	Congregations, 3		20	11	5	.....	36		62		17,236	1,993	266	12,092	1,244	202	8,792	1,403	52	
	1947 Totals.....	Congregations, 59		33	18	5	3	59		96		25,346	2,917	814	17,794	1,784	338	12,575	1,881	81	1947
	1946 Totals.....	Congregations, 52		28	18	3	3	52		94		23,243	3,040	585	16,348	2,209	224	10,775	1,853	68	1946
	Increase.....	Congregations, 7.		5	..	2	..	7		2		2,103	.....	229	1,446	.....	114	1,800	28	13	Inc.
	Decrease.....	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....		.....	123	.....	.....	425	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dec.

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Index Number	MEMBERSHIP			CHILD MEMBERS										ADULT MEMBERS									EDUCATION															Index Number
				Accessions			Losses					Gain or Loss		Accessions					Losses				PARISH												HIGHER				
																							Sunday Schools					Weekday Schools			Children of Church		Number of Catechumens	In Lutheran Seminaries	In Lutheran Motherhouses	In Other Luth. Insts.	In Non-Luth. Insts.	
	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	By Baptism 1	By Certificate 2	Total A	Trans. by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissl 6	Total B	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismissl 13	Total D	Number 17	Staff Membrs 18	In Sun. School 19	In Hme Dept. 20	Cradle Roll 21	Number 22	Teachrs 23	Pupils 24	Leaders 25	Pupils 26	27	28	29	30	31	
No.	8,110	5,702	3,783	441	250	691	74	4	78	563	719	410	438	90	256	486	235	1067	61	151	451	663	23	292	2,152	22	655	11	70	736	1	15	476	3	....	3	135	No.
So.	17,236	12,092	8,792	869	628	1,497	135	12	144	521	812	822	137	162	597	1,468	299	2526	88	443	953	1,484	36	616	5,599	143	1018	14	105	741	25	200	1162	3	....	25	246	So.
1947	25,346	17,794	12575	1310	878	2,188	209	16	222	1084	1531	1232	575	252	853	1,954	534	3593	149	594	1404	2,147	59	908	7,751	165	1673	25	175	1477	26	215	1638	6	....	28	381	1947
1946	23,243	16,348	10775	1009	644	1,653	207	7	132	837	1183	979	509	219	851	1,874	596	3540	144	519	892	1,555	51	771	6,480	192	1177	17	137	1086	22	246	1426	4	2	24	319	1946
Inc.	2,103	1,446	1,800	301	234	535	2	9	90	247	348	253	66	33	2	80	....	53	5	75	512	592	8	137	1,271	....	496	8	38	391	4	....	212	2	....	4	62	Inc.
Dec.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	62	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	....	....	....	....	....	31	....	....	2	....	....	Dec.

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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS								FINANCIAL																					Index Number
	Men's		Womn's		Mixed		Y. People		VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY							Congregational Expenses			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE											
																			UNAPPORTIONED						APPORTIONED					
	Number 32	Members 33	Number 34	Members 35	Number 36	Members 37	Number 38	Members 39	Church Building 40	Parsonage 41	School and/or Parish House 42	Endowment 43	Other Property 44	Total Valuation 45	Indebtedness 46	Current 47	Unusual 48	Total 49	Education 50	Foreign Missions 51	American Missions 52	Social Missions 53	Other Benevolence 54	Total 55	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid 56	Total Benevolence 57	Total Expenditures 58	
No.	13	327	39	1176	10	271	28	481	753,000	151,261	56,000	102,029	136,873	1,199,163	94,470	121,139	71,768	192,907	1612	1688	1142	7577	12,820	24,839	16,548	16,946	41,785	234,692	No.
So.	23	848	60	2072	31	932	52	1117	1,167,600	280,115	85,080	3,530	188,041	1,724,366	374,355	262,897	149,162	412,059	6958	8931	4562	12480	37,782	70,713	37,188	41,691	112,404	524,463	So.
1947	36	1175	99	3248	41	1203	80	1598	1,920,600	431,376	141,080	105,559	324,914	2,923,529	468,825	384,036	220,930	604,966	8570	10619	5704	20057	50,602	95,552	53,763	58,637	154,189	759,155	1947
1946	31	967	98	3305	28	898	68	1396	1,447,050	299,850	74,229	106,061	261,584	2,188,774	316,493	321,670	125,777	447,447	7169	6214	4834	11879	64,335	94,435	44,928	48,168	142,603	590,050	1946
Inc.	5	208	1	....	13	305	12	202	473,550	131,526	66,851	....	66,330	734,755	152,332	62,366	95,153	157,519	1401	4405	870	8178	....	1,117	8,808	10,469	11,586	169,105	Inc.
Dec.	....	....	....	57	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	502	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13,733	....	....	....	....	....	Dec.

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of the

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of the

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Held in

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The REV. ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, D.D., Pastor

Los Angeles, California

APRIL 13-14, 1948

"Jesus Christ is Lord"

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OF THE

Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, California, April 13, 14, 1948

Theme: "JESUS CHRIST IS LORD"

April 13, 1948, 9:30 A.M.

The Holy Communion Service was conducted by Dr. Albert B. Schwertz, assisted by The Rev. Frederick Smith. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Schwertz, Pastor of our host church.

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention was formally opened with the service conducted by the President, Mrs. P. J. Kramer.

Department Secretaries and Officers were introduced.

The Credentials Committee reported 21 Officers and Chairmen, 19 Pastor's wives, 110 delegates and 95 visitors, a total of 245.

The following Convention committees were announced:

Resolutions—Mrs. W. C. Harthan, Mrs. E. C. Bentz, Mrs. H. Lorrimer.

Nominations—Mrs. Wm. B. Scheehl, Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Mrs W. M. Hanson.

Claims—Mrs. H. E. Russell, Treasurer.

A gracious welcome was extended by Mrs. Cornelia Lowe Taylor, President of the Los Angeles First Lutheran Women of the Church, who then introduced her Board and pages and ushers for the day.

The following introductions were made:

Miss Frances Dysinger, National Promotional Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society.

Mrs. James P. Beasom, National Board Member.

Mrs. F. P. Reiter, President of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, who brought us a report and greetings from the National Executive Board.

Mr. Howard Logan, manager of the United Lutheran Publication House in Los Angeles.

Mrs. C. S. Izenour, Chairman of the California Lutheran Home, brought word of the Home and an invitation to Tea Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Promotional Chairman, presented Certificates of Acceptance to the following 12 new Societies:

Women of the Church, Church of Transfiguration, Los Angeles
Lutheran Ladies Guild, Honolulu Lutheran Church, Hawaii
Women of the Church, Christ Lutheran Church, San Diego
Women's Guild, First Lutheran Church, Redlands
Women of the Church, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Yreka
Yowomis Society, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Los Angeles

Church of Redeemer, El Monte
Lakewood Evangelical Lutheran Church, Long Beach
Evangelical Lutheran Church, La Canada
Scheehl-Kramer Society, St. Michael's, Berkeley
Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Santa Monica
Dorcas Society, Luther Memorial, Burbank.

The Treasurer's Report and the Historian's Report were given by Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Reese respectively.

The offering of $84.10 was received and consecrated by the Rev. Paul Romeis. The closing Collect given by Miss Helene Hjort.

Sandwiches, ice cream and coffee were served by the ladies of First Church.

SECOND SESSION

April 13, 1948, 1:30 P.M.

The session was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God."

The worship service and presentation of the Thank Offering thought were conducted by Mrs. Henry Scherer, Thank Offering Secretary. A Thank Offering of $326.31 was received.

A message, "Thank Offering Emphasis" was given by Miss Frances Dysinger, National Promotional Secretary.

An address, "Evangelism," was given by Dr. Royal E. Lesher, Director of Evangelism, United Lutheran Church.

The reports of the Statistician and Archivist were given by Miss Helen Hjort and Mrs. Walter Reese respectively.

A panel on "Inter-Synodical Mission Work" with Miss Frances Dysinger as Convenor included Mrs Sagerhammer representing Augustana Synod; Mrs. Sorenson, the Evangelical Synod; Mrs. Johnson, the United Evangelical Synod; Mrs. Lee Tollefson, the American Synod; and Mrs. Reiter, the United Lutheran Synod.

The session adjourned with the singing of the hymn, "Beautiful Saviour."

April 13, 1948, 7:00 P.M.

A banquet was held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church with Miss Frances Dysinger, guest speaker. $1200.00 in gifts was received for the new youth camp "Yolijwa."

Mrs. J. E. Hoick was presented with a gold cross for her faithful service during the past fifty years.

THIRD SESSION

April 14, 1948, 9:30 A.M.

The session opened with a worship service conducted by the children of the Christian Day School of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Los Angeles.

The President's Report was read. A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

Mrs. C. S. Izenour, Chairman of the California Lutheran Home Fellowships, told us of her duties and work being done at the Home. She introduced Mrs. Clarence Crouser, President of the Los Angeles Chapter; Mrs. Kachel, President of the San Francisco Chapter and Mrs. Heinecken, President of the Valley Chapter.

Miss Elizabeth Young of Long Beach has been appointed as Secretary to Children of the Church.

The secretary read a letter from Rev. Paul Wolpert, secretary of the California Synod, thanking the Women's Missionary Society for their help in the organization of new missions in California.

The report of the Nomination Committee was presented by Mrs. Scheehl as follows:

President—Mrs. P. J. Kramer
Vice-President— Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz
Secretary—Mrs. L. N. Chelson
Statistician—Miss Helen Hjort
Historian—Mrs. H. F. Rohrbach
Archivist—Mrs. Walter Reese

A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

A motion prevailed that nominations be closed and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the officers as nominated.

The president outlined her report on claims. A motion prevailed that these bills be allowed and also those that might be presented later.

The Synodical Secretaries Hour, "The New Look," was very cleverly presented by Mrs. Clarence Crouser.

The offering of $71.84 was received and consecrated by Pastor Stump.

A message was given by Dr. James P. Beasom, Jr., President of California Synod.

An impressive Life and In Memoriam Shower was conducted by Mrs. Harry W. Hahn, Secetary.

The session adjourned with the singing of the hymn, "Take My Life and Let It Be," and the Missionary benediction.

FOURTH SESSION

April 14, 1948, 1:30 P.M.

The session was opened with the worship service conducted by Mrs. E. C. Bentz.

Report of resolutions committee was read and approved.

Final registration totaled 369.

A motion prevailed to accept president's recommendations as a whole.

The Northern and Southern Conference reports were presented by Mrs. Click and Mrs. Shoreen respectively.

The following appointments were made:

Mrs. H. E. Russell, Treasurer.
Mrs. H. G. Schwegler, Student Work.
Mrs. W. B. Scheehl, Assist. Publicity.
Mrs. C. S. Izenour, India Lace.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. J. E. Hoick.

With all repeating the Missionary Benediction, the President declared the Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of California adjourned.

April 14, 1948, 3:00 P.M.

The Convention officers, delegates and visitors were guests of the "Fellowship" at the California Lutheran Home.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of California

Dear Co-Workers

We praise and thank God for His mercy, love and many blessings bestowed upon our Synodical Society of California these fifty-seven years of history. We are humbly thankful for what has been accomplished during the past years by our faithful and devoted women. "Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy Name be all the glory!"

I submit the records of the achievements of another year's work in the following report. The Synodical has seventy-two societies with a membership of 1817, a gain of eleven new groups and 255 new members. We welcome the following new groups: Honolulu, Lutheran Guild; it was my privilege to visit Honolulu in September; Yreka-Mt. Zion, W. of C.; Burbank, Dorcas; El Monte-Redeemer; Los Angeles-St. Paul's, Yowomis; Los Angeles-Transfiguration, W. of C.; San Diego-Christ Lutheran, W. of C.; Santa Monica-St. Paul's, Dorcas; Lakewood Village, Long Beach, Loyola Village W. of C.

The pledge of $1200 to the California Lutheran Home for the Aged, $100 to the Mary J. Drexel Home for Deaconesses, and $300 for the Rocky-Boy Mission in Montana was met in full. The Society gifts to the California Home for the Aged was $900. The home mission work accomplished through the Synodical Special was the following: Loyola Village Church, $500; St. Paul's Church, Sacramento, $717.58; Reno, Nevada Mission, $100; and Our Saviour's Church, Tucson, Arizona, $500.

The department secretaries report nine study circles in North American Missions and thirty-one study groups on World Missions with 582 in attendance; 156 members completed the Reading Course.

Eighteen societies have a part in the Patron and Scholarship Work; $835 was given to help workers in India and Liberia; $672 for scholarships in China, India, South America and Liberia. One hundred forty-eight Life Members were presented totaling $1480 and 14 In Memorians of $270; 69 boxes were sent to North American Missions and 607 were sent for relief of human suffering through authorized Church agencies.

We rejoice in the increase of the Thank-Offering which is our Triennial Special; $7070.44 was received this year, an increase of $2681. Forty-nine Thank-Offering meetings were held by societies. Thirty-three groups held week of prayer services. Sixty societies use the program material issued by the Educational Division of our General Society; 1240 members subscribe for Lutheran Woman's Work, an increase of 429 subscriptions. For all of these blessings we thank God for whatever progress we have shown in our Synodical work. When there is unity there is growth.

Mrs. H. E. Russell, our Treasurer, deserves praise for her untiring efforts in keeping our financial obligations, handling over $20,000 this past year in such splendid efficiency. The Statistician's work is a huge responsibility. Helene Hjort has done splendid work in getting 100% replies from groups. Mrs. J. P. Beasom, our National Board representative, deserves praise for the promotion work in California. We wish to thank Mrs. Albert Schwertz, Vice-President, for the splendid work she did as Program Chairman for the convention last year and will be chairman again this year, April 13-14. Our National President, Mrs. C. W. Baker, will be in California early in September.

I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the earnest cooperation of all officers, department secretaries and officers and show our faith in its ongoing progress by continuing to promote the work of the Church, keeping the lamp of Christianity alight.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. P. J. KRAMER, President

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we pledge our loyal support to the United Lutheran Church and to the Women's Missionary Society.

2. That we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the increasing interest in the Women's Missionary Society as has been expressed in a growing membership, ten new societies and progress in every department.

3. That the delegates of this convention make an earnest effort to bring inspiration and enthusiasm back to your societies to interest all women in your congregations in mission and the whole program of the Church.

4. Encourage young women, business and professional women to organize evening groups in your congregations.

5. Stress personal Evangelism in your societies.

6. Each member contribute $1 a year for Synodical Special and continue to send $300 to Rocky Boy Indian Mission from the Synodical Special fund, the balance to be used for support of Home Mission work in the California Synod and $800 for the Youth camp.

7. That we encourage young women to prepare for the deaconate, contributing toward the Deaconess fund in the June quarter.

8. That we stress the Triennial Emphasis on Thank-Offering the balance of the year. Try to make a daily Thank-offering for the blessings bestowed upon us.

9. That the Northern and Southern Conference groups give publicity to the visit of our National President, Mrs. C. W. Baker, September 1-2 in Northern California and September 7-8 in Southern California.

10. That the Synodical Convention be held next year when the Synod meets to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Lutheranism on the West Coast.

11. That we pledge ourselves to continue our cooperation in the relief of human suffering through authorized Church agencies and pray for enduring peace.

Sincerely,

MRS. P. J. KRAMER, President

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

December 15, 1946 to December 15, 1947

Balance on hand December 15, 1946—Deaconess Fund	$ 115.50	
Triennial convention fund	5.20	
Synodical Special	1,822.06	
Synodical Fee	400.94	
		$ 2,343.70
RECEIPTS:		
Associate Memberships	$ 11.00	
Bible Women and Scholarships	1,507.50	
California Lutheran Home	2,170.33	
Christmas Offerings	367.22	
Congress Travel fund	64.00	
Deaconess fund	98.65	
Designated gifts	162.05	
General fund	1,923.60	
India Lace	600.25	
Lenten offerings	480.21	
Life Memberships and In Memoriams	1,750.00	
Thank-Offering (Triennial Emphasis)	7,070.44	
Triennial Convention fund	149.10	
Special Aids	306.81	
Synodical Special	1,093.08	
Synodical Fee	636.09	
		$18,390.33
		$20,734.03
DISBURSEMENTS:		
To Miss A. Dorothy Drewes, Nat'l Treasurer	$14,630.28	
President's expenses	29.87	
Secretary's expenses	2.50	
Treasurer's expenses	30.28	
Statistician's expense	11.46	
Printing convention programs	43.77	
Gift to custodian of convention church	5.00	
Corsage	1.55	
Stationery, Ledger-Treasurer	20.21	
Forms and mailing	44.45	
Treasurer's bond	5.00	
Bank-check book and stamp	2.00	
President's Expense to Board meeting	33.77	
Storage—California Lutheran Home	70.33	
Pledge—California Lutheran Home	1,200.00	
Gifts—California Lutheran Home	900.00	
Gift to Mary J. Drexel Home	100.00	
Gift to Loyola Village	500.00	
Gift to St. Paul's Church, Sacramento	717.58	
Gift to Reno, Nevada Mission	100.00	
Gift to Our Saviour's Church, Tuscon, Arizona	500.00	
	$18,963.29	$18,963.29

BALANCE DECEMBER 15, 1947:

Deaconess fund	$ 114.15	
Triennial convention fund	3.10	
Congress travel fund	64.00	
Synodical Special	197.56	
Synodical Fee	791.93	
	$ 1,770.74	$ 1,770.74
		$20,734.03

MRS. H. E. RUSSELL, Treasurer

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT FOR 1947

	Societies	MEMBERS Active	Associate
Northern Conference	21	486	21
Southern Conference	51	1363	37
TOTAL	72	1817	58

	Societies	Active Members
Northern Conference Gains	2	32
Southern Conference Gains	7	223
TOTAL	9	255

In the Northern Conference two new societies have joined the Conference. One society is reporting inactive this year so is not counted but another Society which did not report and we were unable to find out their status is counted this year hence a net gain of two.

In the Southern Conference, there are actually 8 new societies this year, however, one society reported in previous years is inactive this year, hence a net gain of 7 societies.

HELEN HJORT, Statistician

PATRON & PROTEGE

Native Workers and Bible Women	14	$ 935.00
Scholarships and Miscellaneous	16	672.50
TOTAL		$1507.50

Statistical Report—Women's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947—Table 1—Cont'd.

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY (FOR CONFERENCE OR SYNODICAL USE)	MEMBERSHIP: No. of Societies Organized Before June 30 of Last Year	No. of Societies Organized Since June 30 of Last Year	Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—Under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	PERSONNEL OF SOCIETY: How Many Members Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	How Many Business and Professional Women?	No. of Society
	NORTHERN CONFERENCE												
1	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Women of the Church)	1			40	40					35	5	1
2	Fresno, First (Friendship Circle)	1			35	35		3	3		38		2
3	Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)	1		9	16	25		1	1		11	15	3
4	Honolulu Lutheran (Ladies' Guild)		1		10	10					9	1	4
5	Oakland, First (Women of the Church)	1		15	35	50					30	20	5
6	Oakland, St. John's (W. M. S.)	1			14	14							6
7	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			40	40					40		7
8	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Evening Group)	1		10	10	20	3	2	5		20	5	8
9	Richmond, St. James (Women of St. James)	1		2	5	7					7		9
10	Sacramento, First (Bethany)	1			21	21		5	5		22	4	10
11	Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)	1			30	30		1	1		20	11	11
12	Sacramento, St. John's (Mary E. Oehler)	1			19	19					19		12
13	Sacramento, St. Paul's (Pastor's Aid)	1		2	11	13	2	3	5		14	4	13
14	San Francisco, First English (Women's Guild)	1		2	10	12					9	3	14
15	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S. Day Group)	1			14	14					10	4	15
16	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S. Evening Group)		1	3	11	14					4	10	16
17	San Francisco, St. Matthew's (W. M. S.)	1			16	16					16		17
18	San Francisco, Temple (Women of the Church)	Temp.	Inact.										18
19	San Jose, Grace (Mission Women of the Church)	1		2	38	40		1	1		39	2	19
20	San Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of St. Andrew's)	1		3	13	16					16		20
21	Vallejo, St. Paul's (Guild)	1		8	32	40					32	8	21
22	Yreka, Mt. Zion (Women of the Church)		1		10	10					10		22
	TOTAL	81	3	56	430	486	5	16	21		401	92	
	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2												
23	Alhambra, Grace (Women of Grace Church)	1			23	23		1	1		27		23
24	Altadena, Altadena Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		4	22	26					22	4	24
25	Beverly Hills Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		5	25	30					30		25
26	Beverly Hills Lutheran (Elsa King Frey)	Temp.	Disband.										26
27	Burbank, Luther Memorial (Women of the Church)	1			9	9					9		27
28	Burbank, Luther Memorial (Dorcas)		1	4	5	9					6	3	28
29	Culver City, Grace (Ladies of Grace Church)	1			20	20					20		29
30	El Monte, Redeemer		1										30
31	Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)	1			22	22					22		31
32	Glendale, First Lutheran (Wom. Council of Christian Missions)	1		2	103	105					105		32
33	Glendale, First (Business & Professional Group)	1		7	18	25				1		24	33
34	Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1			65	65					65		34
35	Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (F. M. Welty)	1		12	15	27					15	12	35

No. of Society	EDUCATION DIVISION									Promotion Division			DIVISION OF SPECIAL GIFTS					No. of Society
	Mission Study				Week of Prayer			LWW	Mo. Pro.	Promotion		Pa. & Pro.	Th.-Off.	Special Aids		Life Mem.	In Memo.	
	No. of Study Groups—No. American Missions	No. of Study Groups—World Missions	No. of Persons in Groups	No. of Persons Completing Reading Course	Did Your Society Observe the Lenten Week of Prayer and Self Denial?	No. of Meetings Held	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	How Many Magazine Subscriptions in Your Society?	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	Have You Distributed Missionary Literature the Past Year to Those Outside Your Own Society?	No. of New ACTIVE Members Since June 30 Last Year	Does your Soc. Have part in Patron and Protege Dept.	No. of Public Thank-Offering Services	No. of Boxes to North American Missions	No. of Boxes to World Missions	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year	
NORTHERN CONFERENCE																		
1					YES	5	YES	42	YES	NO	5	YES	1		17			1
2		1	50		YES	1	NO	37	YES		4	NO	1		1			2
3		1	50		YES	1	NO	10	YES	NO	2		1		3			3
4								10	YES	YES								4
5		2	25	12	YES	3	YES	50	YES	NO		YES	1		3			5
6															56			6
7					YES	5	NO	35	YES	NO	10	YES	1					7
8					YES	5	YES	4	YES	NO	5	YES	1		5			8
9		1	10												8			9
10									YES	NO		NO	1		8			10
11					YES	1		10	YES	YES	2		1	1	10			11
12	1	1	19	19	YES	1		14	YES	YES	2	YES	1	1	1			12
13								2	YES		2	NO	1					13
14								8	YES	YES			1					14
15		1	7	7				14	YES	YES			1		6			15
16								11	YES	YES	3	YES	1		2			16
17	1	1	10	10	YES	2	NO	3	NO	YES	2		1		12			17
18																		18
19					YES	6	NO	30	YES	NO	2	NO		1				19
20					YES	1	NO	6	YES	NO	5	NO			8			20
21	1	1	60	8	YES	6	YES	25	YES	YES	14				6			21
22								10	YES					3				22
	3	9	231	48	12	37	4	321	18	8	58	6	16	6	146			
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2																		
23								20	NO				1	12	29			23
24		1	26		YES	5		16	YES		8		1					24
25		1	6	2	YES	1	YES	25	YES	YES	2							25
26																		26
27								10	YES	NO	6							27
28																		28
29								15	YES		6							29
30																		30
31		1	10					14	YES	NO	9	YES	1		2			31
32	2	1	81		YES	5	YES	100	YES	YES	7	YES	1		2			32
33								2	NO	NO	2	NO	1		4			33
34		1	25		YES	3	YES	60	YES	YES		YES	1	1	13			34
35		1	35		YES	3	YES	33	NO	YES			1		12			35

Statistical Report—Women's Missionary Society of the Southern Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1947—Table 2—Continued

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	FOR CONFERENCE OR SYNODICAL USE: No. of Societies Oranized Before June 30 Last Yr	No. of Societies Organized Since June 30 Last Yr	MEMBERSHIP: Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	PERSONNEL OF SOCIETY: How Many Members Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	How Many Bus. and Professional Women?	No. of Society
	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—Continued												
36	Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Gospel Light)	1		1	20	21		5	5		25	1	36
37	Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Go Ye)	1		14	54	18		2	2		16	4	37
38	Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)	1		6	19	25		15	15		40		38
39	Long Beach, Faith (W. M. S.)	1		5	5	10					8	2	39
40	Long Beach, Trinity (Women of the Church)	1		13	87	100		1	1		80	21	40
41	Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)	1			35	35		2	2		30	7	41
42	Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas)	1			11	11					6	5	42
43	Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eta Sigma)	1		8		8					1	7	43
44	Los Angeles. Bethany (Bethany Cosmos Mission)	1		8	6	14					13	1	44
45	Los Angeles, Bethany (W. M. S.)	1			10	10							45
46	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1		10	60	70					70		46
47	Los Angeles, First (Women of Church, Evening Group)	1			25	25					3	22	47
48	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (W. M. S.)	1			25	25					25		48
49	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Hearts)	1		3	18	21		1	1		14	8	49
50	Los Angeles. St. Paul's (W. M. S.)	1			12	12					12		50
51	Los Angeles, St. Paul's (Yowomis)		1	16		16					15	1	51
52	Los Angeles, Transfiguration (Women of the Church)		1	7	11	18							52
53	North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Mena Spirer)	1			26	26					26		53
54	North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)	1		4	23	27					18	9	54
55	Pasadena, Trinity (W. M. S.)	1			38	38					38		55
56	Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)	1			25	25					23	2	56
57	Phoenix, Grace (Women of the Church)	1			50	50					50		57
58	Pomona, Trinity (Women of the Church)		1		18	18					18		58
59	Redlands, First Lutheran (W. M. S.)	1		1	25	26					24	2	59
60	Redlands, First (Women's Guild)		1	5	6	11		1	1		7	5	60
61	Riverside, Trinity (Womens' Mission Guild)	1			14	14		3	3		16	1	61
62	Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)	1		6	11	17				1	11	5	62
63	San Bernardino, First (Minnie L. Sandidge)	1		2	49	51		1	1		46	6	63
54	San Bernardino, First (Emma L. Alm)	1		9	1	10				7	2	1	64
65	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			30	30					30		65
66	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)	1		6	18	24					20	4	66
67	San Diego. (Ocean Beach) St. Peter's by the Sea (Wom. of Ch.)	1			10	10							67
68	San Diego, Christ Lutheran (Pacific Beach)		1	15	5	20					20		68
69	Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)	1		4	19	23	1	1	2		25		69
70	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Dorcas Society)		1	8	35	43					34	9	70
71	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Mission Soc.)	1			50	50	1	2	3		53		71
72	Tucson, Our Saviour's (Women of the Church)	1		1	21	22					15	7	72
73	West Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)	1		4	14	18		1	1		19		73
74	Westwood Village (Mission Guild)	1			10	10					10		74
	TOTAL SOUTHERN CONFERENCE	43	8	184	1173	1363	2	35	37	9	1178	173	
	GRAND TOTAL BOTH CONFERENCES	61	11	240	1603	1849	7	51	58	9	1579	265	

	EDUCATION DIVISION									Promotion Division			DIVISION OF SPECIAL GIFTS					
	Mission Study				Week of Prayer			LWW	Mo. Pro.	Promotion		Pa. & Pro.	Th.-Off.	Special Aids		Life Mem.	In Memo.	
No. of Society	No. of Study Groups—No. American Missions	No. of Study Groups—World Missions	No. of Persons in Groups	No. of Persons Completing Reading Course	Did Your Society Observe the Lenten Week of Prayer and Self Denial?	No. of Meetings Held	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	How Many Magazine Subscriptions in Your Society?	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	Have You Distributed Missionary Literature the Past Year to Those Outside Your Own Society?	No. of New ACTIVE Members Since June 30 Last Year	Does your Soc. Have part in Patron and Protege Dept.	No. of Public Thank-Offering Services	No. of Boxes to North American Missions	No. of Boxes to World Missions	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year	No. of Society
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—Continued																		
36		1		10	YES	3	YES	22	YES	YES	3	NO	1	2	2			36
37	1		16	16				16	YES		1		1	1				37
38								5	YES	NO	12		1		62			38
39									YES	YES								39
40					YES	5	YES	91	YES	YES	50		1		19			40
41	1	2	57	35	YES	3	YES	44	YES	YES	5	YES	1	12	166			41
42									YES					1	11			42
43									YES	NO	2	NO	1	1	5			43
44					YES	1	YES	12	YES	YES	2	NO	1		2			44
45								10	YES	YES		YES		2	2			45
46		3	17		YES	3	YES	40	YES	YES		YES	1	12	4			46
47		1						15	YES				1					47
48								17	YES	NO	1	NO		1	6			48
49					YES	1		12	YES		2	NO			4			49
50								12	YES	YES	1	NO	1	2	5			50
51												NO			1			51
52								10	YES									52
53		1	18					27	YES		4	YES	1		8			53
54								27	YES		4				2			54
55		3			YES	5	YES	26	YES		3		1	7	3			55
56		1			YES	4		26	YES	YES	5	YES	1		17			56
57				25	YES	4	YES	25	YES	YES	14	YES	1					57
58								15	YES				1					58
59		1	14	6	YES	3	YES	18	YES				1					59
60								5	YES									60
61					YES	1		11	YES	YES	2	NO	1		9			61
62					YES	12	YES	3	YES	NO	9	NO	1		3			62
63		1	20	20	YES	5	YES	20	YES	YES	15	NO	1	5	7			63
64									YES		5		1	1	1			64
65	1	1	16		YES	3	YES	24	YES	YES	2	YES	1	2	16			65
66								14	YES	NO	5	YES	1					66
67																		67
68								19	YES				1		12			68
69					YES	1	YES	13	YES	YES	2		1		31			69
70	1	1	10					31	YES	YES	7	YES	1	1				70
71									YES		6							71
72	1				YES	5	YES	12	YES	YES	2	NO	1					72
73								12	YES	NO	5	NO	1		1			73
74								6	NO	NO								74
	6	22	351	108	21	76	17	919	42	20	210	12	33	63	461			
	9	31	582	156	33	113	21	1240	60	28	268	18	49	69	607			

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC. 15, 1946 TO DEC. 15, 1947—Table 1

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	Annuity Bonds	Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	California Lutheran Home	Christmas Offering	Congress Fund	Deaconess Fund	No. of Society
1	Alhambra (Women of Grace Church)	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	1
2	Altadena (Women of the Church)								2
3	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Women of the Church			10.00	68.79	10.00	1.00	1.00	3
4	Beverly Hills (Women of the Church)					11.75	1.00	1.00	4
5	Beverly Hills (Elsa King Frey)					2.00			5
6	Burbank, Luther Memorial (Dorcas)						1.00		6
7	Culver City (Women of Grace Church)						1.00	1.00	7
8	Fresno First (Women of the Church, Friendship Circle)					22.85	1.00	1.00	8
9	Fresno, First (Women of the Church, Chi Rho Circle)				27.00		1.00		9
10	Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)						1.00	1.00	10
11	Glendale, First (Womens Council of Christian Missions)			180.00	50.00	59.00	5.00	20.00	11
12	Glendale, First (Business and Professional Group)						1.00	1.00	12
13	Hollywood (Women of the Church)			50.00	105.00		2.00	1.00	13
14	Hollywood (Florence M. Welty)				25.00		1.00	1.00	14
15	Honolulu, (Ladies' Guild & Missionary Society)								15
16	Huntington Park, St. Lukes (Gospel Light)		3.00		24.00	13.20	1.00	1.00	16
17	Huntington Park, St. Lukes (Go Ye's)		3.00			5.00	1.00	1.00	17
18	Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)				50.00		1.00	1.00	18
19	Long Beach, Faith (Women of the Church								19
20	Long Beach, Trinity (W. M. S.)			150.00	364.40	Cash Annuity	1.00	1.00	20
21	Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)			80.00				5.00	21
22	Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas)				15.00		1.00	1.00	22
23	Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eta Sigma)				5.00	6.12	1.00	1.00	23
24	Los Angeles, Bethany (W. M. S.)			100.00		3.00			24
25	Los Angeles, Bethany (Cosmos)			50.00			1.00	1.00	25
26	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)			250.00	70.00	10.00	2.00	5.00	26
27	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)								27
28	Los Angeles, St. Marks (W. M. S.)					30.00	2.00	2.00	28
29	Los Angeles, St. Marks (Loving Hearts)		1.00	100.00			1.00	5.00	29
30	Los Angeles, St. Pauls (Women of the Church)				13.00				30
31	North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Mena Spirer)		1.00	5.00	25.00	10.00	1.00	5.00	31
32	North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Faith)					5.00	1.00	2.00	32
33	Oakland, First (Women of the Church)			75.00		15.00	5.00	5.00	33
34	Oakland, St. John's (W. M. S.)					4.75	1.00	1.00	34
35	Pasadena, Trinity (W. M. S.)					8.75	2.00	2.00	35
36	Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)			62.50	20.00		1.00	2.65	36
37	Phoenix, Grace (Women of the Church)			60.00					37
38	Pomona, Trinity (W. M. S.)								38

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC. 15, 1946 TO DEC. 15, 1947—Table 2

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	Annuity Bonds	Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	California Lutheran Home	Christmas Offering	Congress Fund	Deaconess Fund	No. of Society
39	Redlands, First (W. M. S.)				10.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	39
40	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, day Group)				70.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	40
41	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Evening Group)				20.00		3.00	2.00	41
42	Richmond, St. James' (Women of the Church)								42
43	Riverside, Trinity (Women's Missionary Guild)						1.00	1.00	43
44	Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)					5.10	1.00	2.00	44
45	Sacramento, First (Women of the Church						1.00	2.00	45
46	Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)		1.00	25.00		12.28	1.00	2.00	46
47	Sacramento, St. John's (Mary E. Oehler)			25.00		6.80	1.00	1.00	47
48	Sacramento, St. Paul's (Women of the Church)						1.00		48
49	San Bernardino, First (M. L. S.)				22.25	10.00	1.00	1.00	49
50	San Bernardino, First (E. L. A.)					5.00			50
51	San Diego, Christs (Pac. Beach - Women of the Church)								51
52	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)			180.00		16.80	1.00	1.00	52
53	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)				5.00	17.89	1.00	1.00	53
54	San Diego, St. Peter's by the Sea (Women of the Church)								54
55	San Francisco, First (Women's Guild)					5.00	1.00	1.00	55
56	San Francisco, St. Matthew's (W. M. S.)						1.00	2.00	56
57	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S. Day Group)			50.00	5.00	27.55	1.00	1.00	57
58	San Francisco, Temple (Women of the Church)								58
59	San Jose, Grace (Women of the Church)					2.00			59
60	San Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of the Church)								60
61	Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)				10.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	61
62	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Miss.)		3.00	55.00		29.38	1.00	5.00	62
63	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Dorcas)						1.00		63
64	Tucson, Our Saviours (Women of the Church)				20.00		1.00	1.00	64
65	Vallejo, St. Paul's (Lutheran Guild)						1.00	1.00	65
66	Westwood, Village Church (Miss. Guild)								66
67	Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)								67
68	Congress of Southern Conference				60.00				68
69	Northern Conference				300.00				69
70	Southern Conference				430.00				70
71	W. M. S. Synod of California				76.00				71
72	Transferred from Synodical Special to Calif. Lutheran Home				279.89				72
	TOTALS		$11.00	$1507.50	$2170.33	$367.22	$64.00	$98.65	

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No. of Society	Designated Gifts	General Fund	India Lace Offering	Lenten Offering	Life Memberships In-Memoriams	Thank Offering Tri-Emphasis	Tri-ennial Convention Expense Fund	Tri-ennial Special	Special Aids	Synodical Special	Synodical Fee	TOTALS	No. of Society
1	$	$ 32.40	$ 25.40	$ 10.00	$ 25.00	$ 147.80	$ 2.70	$	$	$ 27.00	$ 9.45	$ 284.75	1
2		24.00			10.00							34.00	2
3	10.00	42.00	20.00	10.00	60.00	100.50	3.50			35.00	12.25	384.04	3
4		33.60		11.60		83.16	2.80			28.00	9.80	182.71	4
5		2.40			10.00	2.00						16.40	5
6		14.40				1.40	1.20				1.20	19.20	6
7		18.00			10.00	10.00	1.50					41.50	7
8		41.40		14.40	20.00	183.33	3.90			33.00	11.55	332.43	8
9		24.30			10.00		3.00		10.00	27.00	9.45	111.75	9
10		21.60			10.00	68.00	1.80			18.00	6.30	127.70	10
11	65.00	123.60	45.00	35.00	200.00	640.00	10.30		74.50	108.00	36.05	1651.45	11
12		24.00				44.62	2.00				7.00	79.62	12
13		78.00	30.20	12.00	65.00	475.00	6.50		25.00	65.00	22.75	937.45	13
14		32.40			20.00	153.07	2.70		13.06	27.00	9.45	284.68	14
15						16.50						16.50	15
16		24.00	5.25	8.00	30.00	110.25	2.10			15.00	7.00	243.80	16
17		21.90	5.00	5.00	25.00	50.68	1.80				6.65	126.03	17
18		28.50			20.00	45.47					8.75	154.72	18
19		6.00			20.00							26.00	19
20		60.00	5.77	17.26	30.00	321.02	5.00			50.00	17.50	1022.95	20
21		38.40	10.72	18.26	45.00	167.82	3.20		5.00	32.00	11.20	416.60	21
22		26.40	5.00		35.00	44.15						127.55	22
23		7.20	3.00	2.93	30.00	24.46	.60		1.00	4.80	1.50	88.61	23
24		14.40	2.00	2.00	20.00	26.99	1.20			12.00	4.20	185.79	24
25		16.80			10.00	2.85	1.40			14.00	4.90	101.95	25
26		84.00	30.00	26.27	230.00	604.01	7.00			100.00	24.50	1442.78	26
27		30.00			10.00	118.00	2.50			25.00	6.25	191.75	27
28		32.40	2.00	10.00	10.00	101.42	2.70		25.00	27.00	9.45	253.97	28
29		24.60		23.43	150.00	67.26	2.00		10.00		7.00	391.29	29
30		13.20	4.57		25.00	39.71				11.00	3.85	110.33	30
31		29.40	10.00	5.00	30.00	159.72	2.30		15.00	25.00	8.75	331.17	31
32		25.20	10.00	5.00	10.00	140.96	2.00		10.00	20.00	7.00	238.16	32
33		60.00	55.00	20.75	40.00	250.00	5.00		20.00	50.00	17.50	618.25	33
34		17.70		17.65	30.00	29.86	1.40			8.00	6.30	117.66	34
35	36.05	44.70	31.61	26.70	60.00	280.00	3.80			25.00	12.25	532.86	35
36	16.00	24.00	12.56	16.07	10.00	127.61	2.00		25.00	20.00	7.00	346.39	36
37		60.00	13.50	16.00	10.00	274.19	5.00			60.00	17.50	516.19	37
38						14.26						14.26	38

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No. of Society	Designated Gifts	General Fund	India Lace Offering	Lenten Offering	Life Memberships In-Memoriams	Thank Offering (Tri-Emphasis)	Tri-ennial Conven. Expense Fund	Tri-cennial Special	Special Aids	Synodical Special	Synodical Fee	TOTALS	No. of Society
39	10.00	34.80	14.00	14.30	20.00	92.40	2.60			30.00	10.50	243.60	39
40		48.00	10.00	10.35	20.00	97.65	4.00			40.00	14.00	321.00	40
41		18.90	3.11	3.22	10.00	53.71	1.50			20.00	3.50	138.04	41
42		8.40				13.00	.70				2.45	24.55	42
43		20.10	8.00	10.55		67.60	1.20			11.00	3.85	124.30	43
44		24.00	5.00	2.73	20.00	57.69	1.70		10.00	17.00	5.95	152.17	44
45		18.00	5.00		20.00		2.00		20.00	20.00	7.00	98.00	45
46		36.60	21.41	7.35	35.00	122.07	3.00			44.17	10.50	320.78	46
47		20.40	36.42	7.25	10.00	73.92	1.70		17.25	17.00	5.95	223.69	47
48		19.50		2.85	10.00	28.37	1.30				3.25	66.27	48
49		33.00	15.00	12.05	50.00	68.44	3.00			30.00	10.50	256.24	49
50		8.10				22.50						35.60	50
51						29.75						29.75	51
52		36.00	19.85	21.68	30.00	219.41	3.00			30.00	10.50	569.24	52
53		24.60	19.86	16.50	10.00	98.51	2.10			20.00	7.00	223.46	53
54		6.00										6.00	54
55		14.40	5.00			41.95	1.20		5.00	12.00	4.20	90.75	55
56		24.00			10.00	30.00	2.00			10.00	7.00	86.00	56
57	5.00	32.40	63.88	3.15	10.00	148.12	2.70			27.00	9.45	386.25	57
58		4.50				15.00	1.50					21.00	58
59		49.80	10.00	5.00	70.00	152.28			3.00	23.00	14.35	329.43	59
60		14.40				42.23	1.60				5.85	64.08	60
61		30.00	5.00		25.00	134.94	2.50			25.00	8.75	248.19	61
62	20.00	60.00	10.00	10.30	50.00	182.78	5.00		10.00	50.00	17.50	508.96	62
63		38.70	5.00				4.36				15.05	94.05	63
64		24.00		5.39	20.00	58.88	2.00				7.00	139.27	64
65		39.60	17.14	34.22	10.00	71.77	2.60		5.00	40.00	14.00	236.33	65
66		24.00					2.00				6.00	32.00	66
67		12.00				53.40	1.00			10.00	3.50	79.90	67
68						63.00						123.00	68
69												300.00	69
70										30.00		460.00	70
71						105.00					104.19	285.19	71
72										279.89			72
	$162.05	$1923.60	$600.25	$480.21	$1750.00	$7070.44	$149.10		$306.81	$1093.08	$636.09	$18390.33	

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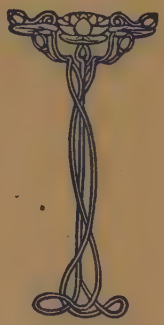

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ROLL OF SYNOD

CLERICAL ROLL	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER	CONG. SERVED	LAY DELEGATE	LAYMAN'S ADDRESS
Ackerman, J. Emory	1944	1944	S	8320 S. Rayford Dr., Los Angeles 45	Transfiguration (Temp.)	E. J. Kalal	7076 W. 85th St., Los Angeles 45
Alm, Arthur W.	1942	1943	S	832 Marshall St., San Bernardino	First English	George Steffens	999 Palm Drive, Colton
Alsop, Albert	1945	1945	S	Roca 259 Azul, F.C.S. PC1A, Buenos Aires, Argentina, S.A.	Foreign Missionary		
Anspach, Howard A., D.D.	1913	1930	S	1109 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara	Grace (Temp.)	J. H. Jendresen	821 E. Cabrillo St., Santa Barbara
Awerkamp, Orval A.	1935	1935	S	4722 Vista St., Long Beach 14	Trinity	George McPheeters	323 W. 20th St., Long Beach
Balsley, Glen O.	1945	1947	N	1309 Tuolumne St., Vallejo	St. Paul's	David L. Boydston	208 Holly St., Vallejo
Bartelt, Frederick H.	1946	1947	N	1331 Panhandle Blvd., Richmond	St. James	Robert Oberhansli	295 Panhandle Blvd., El Ceritto
Beasom, James P., Jr., D.D.	1923	1937	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 5	President of Synod		
Benko, Vlad P.	1945	1949	S	4668 Tivoli St., San Diego	St. Peter's	Edward E. Hauglik	1586 Ebers St., San Diego 7
Bergstresser, Philip W.	1944	1944	N	702 Bridge Road, San Leandro	St. John's	Mrs. Fred Goodridge	2230 47th Ave., Oakland
Berner, Homer W.			S	936 Alexander, San Fernando	St. Mark's	Carl Schramm	13012 Gladstone, San Fernando
Bitter, John C.	1917	1923	N	603 E. St., Fresno 1	Wartburg		
Blough, Wm. H.	1928	1949	S	4427 Overland Ave., Culver City	Grace	N. J. Peterson	11152 Barman Ave., Culver City
Bonker, Milus W.	1945	1945	N	513 13th St., Richmond	Grace	R. T. Ash	2360 Bush Ave., Richmond
Bowman, J. William	1948	1949	S	1162 N. Huntington Blvd., Pomona	Trinity	Daniel Reilly	1096 E. Lexington, Pomona
Claus, August S.	1943	1943	N	2112 Lotus Ave., Fresno 2	St. Paul's	George Schneider	Rt. 3, Box 418, Fresno
Click, E. Dale	1944	1944	N	643 28th Ave., San Mateo	St. Andrew's	Mrs. Henry Fuller	200 Borel Ave., San Mateo
Clutz, F. H.	1931	1949	S	805 E. Cambelback Rd., Phoenix, Ar.	Faith	Wm. Steffenhagen	Rt. 1, Box 1064, Phoenix, Arizona
Crouser, C. F.	1930	1930	N	P.O. Box 938, San Jose	Grace	Rudolf Miehe	1310 Laurel St., Santa Cruz
Daly, Thomas J.	1948	1948	S	2000 Marlin Ave., Las Vegas, Nev.	Reformation	Clarence Sundean, Esq.	712 1st St.. Las Vegas, Nevada
Dorn, J. George, D.D.	1915	1927	N	1135 O'Farrell St., San Francisco 9	St. Mark's	Paul E. Koch	1135 O'Farrell St., San Francisco 9
Endter, Don W.	1945	1945	S	3108 Via Corona, Montebello	St. Paul's	James W. Trotter, Jr.	3340½ Opal St., Los Angeles
Failing, L. A.	1934	1946	S	1627 N. Landis St., Burbank	Luther Memorial	Emil Wickenhofer	1440 N. Myers St., Burbank
Fellner, J. John	1948	1949	S	1421 Bruce Ave., Glendale	First (Assistant)		
Forsyth, Willis J.	1946	1946	S	809 E. Bryant Rd., El Monte	Redeemer	Vernie Bertelsen	969 N. Cogswell Rd., El Monte
Garman, Quentin P.	1944	1947	S	1368 Law St., San Diego 9	Christ	Loris B. Dickson	415 Colima St., La Jolla
Hamme, H. Edward	1931	1947	N	448 S. Beretania St., Honolulu 43, T.H.	Honolulu		
Heinecken, F. W.	1930	1945	S	4144 9th St., Riverside	Trinity	Sam Rathke	3933 Opal St., Riverside
Hidy, Ross F.	1942	1945	N	3045 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley 5	St. Michael's	James Robertson	5732 Clover Dr., Oakland 18
Holand, Clifford B.	1927	1938	S	625 21st Pl., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Glen Jackson	715 17th St., Santa Monica
Hudson, Guy L.	1930	1930	S	100 N. Doheny Dr., Los Angeles 36	Beverly Hills	G. M. Rhodes	
Jensen, Everett J.	1943		N	3951 Kaimuhi Ave., Honolulu, T.H.	Lihue		
Keck, Paul E.	1945	1945	S	908 Church St., Redlands	First English	Edward A. Lagerquist	618 Alvarado St., Redlands
Kerstetter, Robert D., Ph.D.	1939	1943	S	Jamestown, North Dakota	Crippled Children's School		
Knudten, Arthur C., Ph.D.	1930	1943	N	Ghq-Scap CI&E APO 500 c/o P.M. S.F.	Japanese Mission Field		
Kohler, Henry I., D.D.	1919	1930	S	7011 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles	Bethany	H. Gerald Vogel	7700 Miramonte Blvd., Los Angeles

Lenhardt, Howard A.	1945	1949	S	197 W. Foothill Blvd., Altadena	Altadena	Robert F. Brammer	2054 N. Madison Ave., Altadena
Lindsay, H. C.	1936	1940	S	1120 N. Third St., Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	Fred E. Dittmar	Rt. 7, Box 519R, Phoenix, Arizona
Linton, Kenneth E.	1947	1948	N	417 S. Oregon St., Yreka	Mt. Zion	Mrs. Clara Goerges	307 S. Oregon, Yreka
Lorimer, Harold J.	1944	1944	S	900 Story Pl., Alhambra	Grace	D. B. Bennett	2108 Jackson, Wilmar
Lovekamp, George H.	1948	1948	N	1128 N Street, Sanger	St. Paul's	George Yost	Sanger
Lucas, Herman	1923	1925	N	269 Dolores St., San Francisco 3	St. Matthew's	Herman Faber	622 Kirkam St., San Francisco 22
Mattson, Edw. J., S.T.D.	1927	1947	N	916 Fresno Ave., Berkeley 7	Northern California Welfare Council		
Mertz, Louis F.	1946	1947	S	3806 San Andeline Ave., Long Beach 8	Lakewood	Violet R. Lange	5432 Brittain St., Long Beach 8
Miley, Chas. A.	1929	1946	N	630 Ferger Ave., Fresno 3	First	Richard Morgan	5180 Hedges Ave., Fresno
Miley, Dwight L.	1926	1947	N	380 18th Ave., San Francisco 21	First English	Otto E. Anderson	483 15th Ave., San Francisco 18
Miller, Eldon R.	1944	1944	N	15 Latona St., San Francisco 24	Temple	George Lohman	563 Moultrie, San Francisco
Nield, John B., Ph.D.	1943	1943	S	2506 So. Bronson Ave., L. A. 16	St. Mark's	Wells E. Lebold	843 W. 40th Pl., Los Angeles 37
Oslund, J. Edward	1938	1938	N	5 Sunnyside Dr., Reno, Nevada	Good Shepherd	Charles Blaker	1418 Haskell St., Reno, Nevada
Robison, David E.	1937	1947	S	204 N. McNees Ave., Whittier	Salem	Glenn Long	2000 Chiota Rd., La Habra
Romeis, H. Paul	1931	1936	S	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena 4	Trinity	Clarence L. Derr	2023 Galbreth Rd., Pasadena 7
Romeis, Robert S.	1938	1938	N	1709 L St., Sacramento 14	St. John's	Ralph M. Colclough	1811 F St., Sacramento
Scherer, Henry H.	1928	1943	S	1329 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles 6	Advent	Otto Giesenhagen	366 W. 87th St., Los Angeles 3
Scholl, Titus R.	1938	1946	S	1919 E. Silver St., Tucson, Ariz.	Our Saviour's	Oscar Waesch	1029½ E. 6th St., Tucson, Arizona
Schwenk, Elwood	1921	1947	N	412 Moraga Ave., Piedmont 11	U.S. Hospital Chaplain		
Schwertz, Albert B., D.D.	1924	1941	S	3119 W. 6th St., Los Angeles 5	First English	Howard A. Weisman	110 N. Detroit St., Los Angeles 36
Shandrick, Albert J.	1948	1949	N	1135 O'Farrell St., San Francisco 9	St. Mark's (Assistant)		
Smith, Charles P.	1938	1943	S	2721 E. Florence Av., Huntington Park	St. Luke's	Rudolph Kluck	6931 Wilcox Ave., Bell
Smith, Frederick A., Th.D.	1931	1945	S	1371 S. Hope St., Los Angeles 15	Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California		
Soldan, A. J., D.D.	1901	1929	S	11421 Waterford St., Los Angeles 24	Westwood Village		
Spindt, George A.	1945	1945	S	231 Madison Ave., New York 16, N.Y.	National Lutheran Council		
Spirer, Edward N.	1930	1931	S	6616 Irvine Ave., North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	Luther Vestergard	12255 Laurel Terr. D., Studio City
Strickler, Gerald B.	1936	1947	S	1715 W. Market St., York, Penna.			
Stuhr, Walter M.	1931	1948	S	1800 W. Commonwealth, Alhambra	Our Saviour's	George Pontious	1811 S. Atlantic Blvd., Alhambra
Stump, John P.	1940	1948	S	1308 Salisbury Rd., La Canada	Foothills	Dr. J. Henry Kramer	2550 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta
Swanson, Franklin A.	1938	1942	N	1756 - 143rd Ave., San Leandro	Epiphany		
Tambert, Carl V.	1932	1946	S	1303 N. Brand, Glendale	First	G. H. Dorn	421 W. Arden, Glendale 3
Ulrich, G. L.		1949	S	742 27th St., Manhattan Beach	Trinity	Robert E. Hite	616 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach
Vosseler, Erwin A.	1920	1941	S	1320 2nd Ave., San Diego 1	First	Eugene H. Wickstrom	4715 51st St., San Diego 5
Wagner, Donald E.	1945	1945	N	659 16th St., Oakland 12	First English	Mrs. Eunice Harsch	852 Richmond St., El Cerrito
Weaver, J. Benner	1944	1944	S	9300 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Inglewood	Holy Trinity	William Heidemann	3111 W. 78th Place, Inglewood
Wentz, Frederick K.	1945	1945	S	409 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn.			
Wharton, Paul C.		1949	S	2641 Hayes Ave., Long Beach 10	Faith		
Wheatley, Robert	1948	1949	S	1204 W. 163rd St., Gardena	St. John's	Magnus Larson	
Wolpert, Paul H.	1943	1943	N	2940 39th St., Sacramento 17	First English	A. G. Pape	2346 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento
Youngquist, Theodore A.	1946	1947	N	5317 11th Avenue, Sacramento 17	St. Paul's	Ray S. Carter	3156 Kroy Way, Sacramento
Reed, R. Bertram	1937		S	1733 N. New Hampshire Av., Hollwd.	Hollywood	David Lingle	677 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood 28
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Dyreson, Delmar L.	1931	1934	S	122 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2
Johnson, Earl J.		1946	S	U.S. Army, Madigan Gen. Hospital, Tacoma, Washington
May, Erwin T.	1931	1934	S	Depot Chaplain, Columbus 15, Ohio
Vosseler, Lawrence C.	1941	1941	S	2127 Myers, Burbank
Wright, Edward D.	1923	1937	S	U.S. Naval Trn. Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

CLERICAL ROLL RETIRED	Year Ordained	Entered Synod	Conference	ADDRESS OF MINISTER
Becker, Otto	1912	1941	N	344 East 92nd St., Los Angeles 3
Broyer, John R., Ph.D.	1896	1912	N	1622 Great Highway, San Francisco 22
Bosserman, Homer L.	1910	1936	S	Rt. 5, Box 156, Tucson, Ariz.
Brandes, William	1888	1896	N	3266 Liberty Ave., Alameda
Crouser, Wm. E., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1898	1902	N	1147 Brace Ave., San Jose
Fieblekorn, Albert	1903	1921	S	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia
Groseclose, Albert L.	1911	1945	S	99 N. Chester Ave., Pasadena 4
Harshman, L. A.	1907	1944	S	717 S. Burlington, Los Angeles 5
Harter, Norman N.	1895	1911	S	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles
Herold, J. S., D.D.	1900	1939	N	
Hoick, John Edward, D.D. (P.E.M.)	1894	1898	S	1041 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles 37
Horrman, Arthur, Ph.D.	1911	1947	N	P.O. Box 2922, Honolulu, T.H.
Isham, Arthur A.	1907	1912	S	832 Alvarado St., Redlands
Jatho, Adolph	1887	1895	N	1634 Adeline St., Oakland
Leech, Harvey M.	1894	1919 (1912)	S	2500 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra
Maggart, C. W., D.D.	1882	1926 (1892)	S	2023 W. 82nd St., Los Angeles
Meyer, Emil	1900	1919	N	3900 Lakeshore, Oakland 10
Miller, Carl A.	1925	1941	S	1201 Clay St., Redlands, Calif.
Miller, Wm. C., S.T.M.	1899	1928	S	Wakeeney, Kans.
Mottern, Warren R., Litt.D. (P.E.M.)	1897	1909	S	211 N. Adams St., Glendale 6
Moyer, F. E.	1912	1944	S	2404 F St., San Diego 2
Poat, Wm. F., LL.D.	1901	1920	S	3710 Mintern St., Riverside
Oehler, Charles F., D.D.	1888	1893	N	1713 J St., Sacramento 14
Schmidt, Henry F.	1895	1930	S	1210 Reynolds Dr., Glendale
Snyder, Daniel J., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1903	1908	S	1732 - 6th Ave., Apt. 1, Oakland
Trabert, E. A., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1898	1919	N	2500 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra
Weaver, H. J., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1894	1900	S	
Yerian, S. H., Ph.D., D.D.	1899	1926	S	4427 59th St., Los Angeles 43
Zeigler, J. A. M., Ph.D., D.D.	1877	1919 (1907)	S	2819 E. California, Huntington Park

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1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph.D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. M. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30

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28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. Wm. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. Wm. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	58	37
39	Sacramento	1930	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	37
40	Long Beach	1931	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	64	37
41	San Francisco	1932	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	68	38
42	Los Angeles	1933	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	65	36
43	Oakland	1934	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	62	36
44	Riverside	1935	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	64	35
45	San Francisco	1936	Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	63	37
46	Phoenix, Arizona	1937	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	66	37
47	Sacramento	1938	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	37
48	Santa Monica	1939	Rev. Howard A. Anspach	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	60	37
49	San Jose	1940	Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	57	36
50	Los Angeles	1941	Rev. Wm. H. Derr	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	38
51	Sacramento	1942	Rev. Wm. H. Derr, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	38
52	Glendale	1943	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	67	39
53	San Francisco	1944	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	68	39
54	Pasadena	1945	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	83	42
55	Oakland	1946	Rev. James P. Beasom Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	90	46
56	Hollywood	1947	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	101	52
57	San Diego	1948	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Carl A. Bell	99	60
58	San Francisco	1949	Rev. James P. Beasom Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Carl A. Bell	65	103

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Fifty-Eighth Annual Convention

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

of California

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California united with St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of San Francisco in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lutheranism on the West Coast, with a special service on Sunday evening, May 1, 1949. The Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., President of the United Lutheran Church in America, brought an inspiring message to the church, "The Seeing God."

The laymen's meeting was held on Monday, May 2nd, with Devotions at 10:30 A.M., with a message by the Rev. Carl V. Tambert, pastor of First Lutheran Church, Glendale, California, on the theme "The Task Set Before Us."

Following the devotions, the women of St. Mark's Lutheran Church served a luncheon to the laymen, and an afternoon session under the leadership of the Rev. James P. Beasom, D.D., President of Synod, and Mr. Leo Johnston, lay member of the Executive Committee. The laymen discussed the business of the coming convention.

FIRST SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 2, 1949, 8:00 P.M.

The convention was officially opened with a service of Holy Communion in St. Mark's Lutheran Church with the following officiants:

Homilist—The Rev. James P. Beasom, D.D.

Liturgist—The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert

Administrants—The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.
The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D.

SECOND SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 3, 1949, 9:00 A.M.

The Rev. Robert S. Romeis, convention Chaplain, led in the opening devotions based on the theme "Chosen of God."

The fifty-eighth annual convention was opened by President Beasom using the prescribed order. The roll of Synod was called with seventy-one pastors and fifty-seven lay delegates present. The committee on Reference and Council presented the official program for the convention as contained on page 31 of the printed program, and moved that this be considered the official order of business of the convention, with the addition that the Memorial Service be held on Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 P.M.

The motion prevailed that the bounds of Synod be considered the first ten rows of pews.

The motion prevailed that the members of the Executive Committee and Dr. Fry be given a voice on the floor.

The president of synod introduced the Rev. H. L. Foss, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and Dr. Eastvold, President of Pacific Lutheran College, who brought greetings to the convention.

The Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., President of the United Lutheran Church in America, was officially welcomed and brought greetings to the Synod. The following new pastors were introduced:

The Rev. Vlad P. Benko, The Rev. W. H. Blough, The Rev. Howard A. Lenhardt, The Rev. George L. Ulrich, The Rev. Frank Clutz, The Rev. J. Fellner, The Rev. Thomas J. Daly, The Rev. J. Wm. Bowman, The Rev. Albert Shandrick, The Rev. Robert Wheatley, The Rev. Paul C. Wharton.

The motion prevailed that these men be given a voice on the floor.

The president appointed the following convention committees:

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

President's Report

The Rev. Chas. A. Miley, Chairman; The Rev. Donald W. Endter, The Rev. F. W. Heinecken, Mr. Richard Morgan, Mr. George Lohman.

Claims Committee

The Rev. Henry Scherer, Chairman; Mr. Carl A. Bell, The Rev. Charles Smith, Mr. David Lingle.

Letters and Papers

The Rev. John P. Stump, Chairman; The Rev. J. Wm. Bowman, Mr. George Pontious, Mr. Eugene Wickstrom.

Tellers

The Rev. Donald Wagner, Chairman; The Rev. C. F. Crouser, Mr. Clarence Sundean, Esq., Mr. Ralph Oberhansli.

Publicity

The Rev. E. Dale Click, Chairman; The Rev. Eldon R. Miller, The Rev. Albert Shandrick.

Convention Reporter to the Lutheran

The Rev. Frank Clutz

Chairman of the Laymen's Meeting

Mr. Leo Johnston

Excuses

The Rev. Guy L. Hudson, Chairman; The Rev. J. Benner Weaver, The Rev. Erwin Vosseler, Mr. Howard Wiseman, Mr. Ralph Colclough.

Assistant to the Secretary

The Rev. Howard Lenhardt

The President of Synod presented the following report:

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

> "Beloved, I (am) constrained to write unto you, exhorting you to contend earnestly for the FAITH . . . ." Jude 3.

The westward movement of peoples in the middle of the nineteenth century brought many a hardy pioneer over the prairies and rugged mountains of America, across the oceans and around the Horn to California. Many of these were driven by the lust of the flesh, for gold had been discovered and a paradise had been found. But there were those among the migrants who were impelled by a faith in God, and these were not ashamed to band themselves together in congregations and erect edifices to the glory of God.

As we meet in this fifty-eighth annual convention of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of California at historic St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church of San Francisco, we unite with this congregation in its centennial celebration, and we remember the heroic and sainted dead who brought this church into being and who

maintained it in the faith through the century. We extend to the pastor and people of St. Mark's the felicitations of the Synod, its pastors and its laymen, on this memorable anniversary.

It was just five years ago this spring that Synod met in convention at St. Mark's, San Francisco. It, too, was a memorable occasion. The delegates assembled were moved by the Spirit of God to launch out into the deep in a glorious adventure of faith. There was set up an office of a "full-time president of Synod." This move meant real sacrifices on the part of pastors and congregations; the apportionment had to be raised considerably. But all appeared to be under the compelling influence of the commandment of our Lord to "go." All were tremendously conscious of the vast mission field which was the territory and responsibility of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of California. All agreed to meet every portion of the obligation. The record of these past five years proves how faithful all of the pastors and all of the congregations of Synod have been under that obligation. Not one has failed to reach the minimum. Everyone has reached at least 100% and some have passed the 200%.

To this newly formed office, a call was extended to the then Pastor-president of Synod. On January 1, 1945, he entered upon his new duties, having resigned his pastorate and accepted the decision of Synod as the voice of God.

Humbly, he returns to historic St. Mark's Church, at the time of its centennial celebration, when the National Lutheran Council bodies are meeting together for the first time in the City of San Francisco, to give an accounting of his stewardship as the Synod's first full-time president.

He would record his indebtedness to the host of God who have assisted him; the officers and executive committees of Synod, the chairmen and members of the other committees of Synod, the officers and members of the Synodical and Conference Women's Missionary Societies, the officers and members of the Synodical and Conference Luther Leagues, the officers and members of the Brotherhoods, as well as all of the other agencies and auxiliaries of the Church. Beyond the membership of Synod are those co-laborers of Synod; the officers and members of the United Lutheran Church in America, and its Boards and Agencies. There are too many of them to list, but it would not be out of place to name three of them: the first, president of the ULCA, the Rev. Dr. F. H. Knubel; the second president of the ULCA, the Rev. Dr. Franklin Clark Fry; and the retiring executive secretary of the B.A.M. ULCA, the Rev. Zenan M. Corbe.

Our Times: During the five years, we have passed from a war economy to a post-war economy and into a period of readjustment. Conditions have been unsettled, prices have risen and fallen and the market has been extremely unstable. The world has moved from high hopes of peace through minor conflicts into a cold war. The restlessness is found on every hand. Men and women are hungry and thirsty after the true peace and hope and life. The Church must not hide these glorious gifts of God in Christ Jesus. The work must be done and we must feel driven by the Divine compulsion.

To accomplish this task, we must continue our two-fold program of intensive and extensive Evangelism.

Evangelism: The congregations of the National Lutheran Council will unite in a joint effort of intensive evangelism during the years of 1949 and 1950.

Every pastor and every member of every congregation are urged to participate whole heartedly in this over-all evangelism program. The Regional direction of this area will come under the supervision of the Department of Evangelism of the Board of Social Missions of our United Lutheran Church in America.

The extensive evangelism must continue. We have become committed to a program of establishing missions year after year on our territory. We recall their names both for history and for inspiration:

The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Reno, Nevada
St. James Ev. Lutheran Church of Richmond, California
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church of Sacramento, California
St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church of San Mateo, California
Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Yreka, California
Altadena Ev. Lutheran Church of Altadena, California

Luther Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church of Burbank, California
Grace Ev. Lutheran Church of Culver City, Calif.
The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, El Monte, California
The Lakewood Ev. Lutheran Church of Long Beach, California
The Faith Ev. Lutheran Church of Long Beach, California
The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration, Los Angeles, Calif.
The Faith Ev. Lutheran Church of Phoenix, Arizona
The Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Pomona, California
The Christ's Ev. Lutheran Church of San Diego, Calif.
The St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church of San Diego, Calif.
Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church of Tucson, Arizona
The Salem Ev. Lutheran Church of Whittier, Calif.
The Ev. Lutheran Church in the Foothills, La Canada, Calif.
The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Las Vegas, Nevada

To these must be added the following congregations that have been received into Synod:

The Ev. Lutheran Church of Lihue, Kawai, Territory of Hawaii
The Ev. Lutheran Church of Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii
The Advent. Ev. Lutheran Church of Los Angeles, California

Besides the above, must be added the five new missions that will be received into membership at this Convention of our Synod:

The Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church of Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church of Alhambra, California
The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, Ashland, California
The St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church of San Fernando, Calif.
The Ev. Lutheran Church of Redding, California

To establish new missions, we do not only need the cooperation and the assistance of the Board of American Missions of the ULC in America, but we need the prayers, the active cooperation and the financial support of all of the pastors and members of our congregations. We are grateful for that which has been given to us in the past through the Board of American Missions and through our Women's Missionary Society, both national and Synodical. We pray that God will guide these to continue their interest and support.

Leadership: The Ev. Lutheran Synod of California, to fulfill its obligations to the church, will not only need the money but will need the manpower to succeed. It will be necessary for this Synod to develop a long range program so that there will be a steady stream to supply the fields that are already occupied and those that are "white unto the harvest." To accomplish this, the Synod of California has not only made continual use of the Sunday schools and Luther Leagues of our churches, but has set up a program of leadership training through our Camp Yolijwa. We are especially grateful to all who have made this camp possible.

Theological Seminary: We shall always be indebted to Midland College and Western Lutheran Theological Seminary. Many of our young men and women have been trained and prepared for active service there.

At the last convention of our Synod, a motion was passed to establish a theological seminary on our territory. To implement this action, a committee composed of the presidents of the two Conferences, along with the president of Synod, has met from time to time with the appointed committee of the Pacific Synod of ULCA. The result of these conferences will be presented to this convention in the report of this special committee.

California Lutheran Home for the Aged: The president of Synod has also been the president of the California Lutheran Home for the Aged and for a portion of the year, has acted as its superintendent. He would commend this institution of the Church to all of its congregations and its members. He would express his congratulations and appreciation to those who have served and who are serving in staff capacities or as officers or members of the various fellowship chapters of the California Lutheran Home. He will thank the congregations for the fall ingathering and would urge its continuance and expansion so that all of our people may share in this institution of our Synod.

Church Extension Division: One of the most faithful and untiring servants of the church is the Rev. Edward N. Spirer. He has not only done valiant

service to the Synod and the Church in the building program at the California Lutheran Home, the California Lutheran Camp (Yolijwa) and the Lutheran Student Center of Los Angeles, but he has directed a many hundred thousand dollar enterprise in the building of church edifices to the glory of God. The following have been constructed under this program:

The Beverly Hills Ev. Lutheran Church, Beverly Hills, Calif.
The Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Whittier, Calif.
The Christ's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Diego, Calif.
The St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Diego, Calif.
Luther Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church, Burbank, Calif.

and the following are under construction:

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vallejo, Calif.
St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Mateo, Calif.
The First English Ev. Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Calif.
The St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Huntington Park, Calif.

Besides these, several smaller buildings have been erected under the direction of the Division of the Extension of the Church.

About $500,000 of financing has been involved in the programs undertaken by the Division of Church Extension. In doing this work, Synod has acquired as assets about $2000 worth of building equipment, and has saved the congregations erecting buildings many thousands of dollars.

The Division has operated upon a cost plus 10% basis, with no charges to the congregations for the services or work of its director. With the funds gained by Synod, all of the overhead, insurance, interest, as well as all of the equipment have been paid. Your president is happy to report that Synod has acquired a small surplus.

Parsonages: Financial assistance, or guidance or both have been given to thirty-eight of our congregations in the purchasing or the erection of parsonages, with a combined value of over $400,000. Your president would call attention to the need for parsonages for the congregations that do not have them. He would urge these to consider this matter carefully and prayerfully.

Buildings Erected: Besides the buildings erected by our division of church extension, other church buildings have been erected and properties purchased in excess of $400,000, while repairs or additions to present buildings account for a sum in excess of $100,000. The total amount involved in the erection of church buildings both with and without the use of the division, with the value of the parsonages and properties, as well as the repairs will bring a sum reaching nearly $1,500,000.00.

During this period, the assets of Synod have increased in the purchase of a property for the Home for the Aged which is valued in excess of $150,000, and has acquired the government lease on a camp valued in excess to Synod of over $25,000.

The National Lutheran Council Bodies: It has been a tremendous joy for your president to cooperate with the bodies of the N.L.C. represented on our territory in Home Missions, Welfare, Student Work and in Camping. Each of these deserves the support of our congregations.

This convention of Synod brings us into contact with the various pastors and delegates of these bodies, likewise meeting in conventions in San Francisco. We shall listen to the leaders bring us addersses and messages. We will discuss our common problems. It is the prayer of your president that this convention will be one of the factors which may assist American Lutherans to merge into a truly united church in America. Let us pray that God may bless all of the deliberation of all of the conventions that the Lord may have His way.

The U.L.C.A.: We are honored to have at our convention the President of the United Lutheran Church in America, the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., L.L.D. He has played a very vital part in assisting both the Lutherans of America and of the World to come together into the Lutheran World Federation. He is playing an important role in the World Council of Churches. We pray that God may continue to strengthen him for his arduous tasks.

We will listen attentively while the President of our Church brings to us the report of the whole church, its program, its plans, its needs.

Although most of the congregations are rising up to their stewardship responsibilities, nevertheless, your president would encourage all of our congregations to an ever greater effort in the development of benevolent giving. He would urge a full use of the stewardship aids that giving may be intelligent, scripturally inspired and generous. He would ask all of the pastors to assist their congregations to understand the meaning and use of the word apportionment, so that there will arise a compelling demand from the laity to fulfill the commands of our blessed Lord in an ever increasing effort, through larger and larger benevolent giving. He would request that there be given emphasis to tithing that a greater appreciation may be enjoyed by our members in Christ. He would request that pastors ask their church councils to consider the fifty-fifty budget of giving: fifty percent for current expenses and fifty percent for benevolence.

We will not be unmindful of our responsibilities toward our unfortunate brethren in the neglected areas of the world. We will rise up once more to fulfill and overscribe our goals for L.W.A. We will cooperate in the gathering of clothing for relief. And we will assist in the resettlement program of displaced persons through our National Lutheran Council.

The Lutheran Publication House: Our Los Angeles store of the United Lutheran Publication House has become a very valuable asset to our synod, as well as all of Lutheranism on the west coast. The sales have more than doubled that which was the estimate at the time that it was being estabilshed.

The Lutheran: Our Church paper should be in every home of every member. Synod will be asked at this convention to consider a plan for the distribution of the Lutheran to make possible the above goal.

Our Pastors: Our pastors are a consecrated group of Christians who have offered their lives unto the Lord, who have prepared themselves for the gospel ministry and who have been approved by the church and ordained. They deserve all of the assistance that can be given to them. No one can pay them what they are worth. All that the congregations can do is to make it possible for them to carry out the promises they made to their Lord and His Church when they were ordained. It is, therefore, essential that their usefulness be not impaired for lack of the means to do their work.

It is the desire of the president of Synod that the church councils of all of our congregations annually restudy the pastor's compensations, so that there will never be any cause for concern on his part for the cares of this life that he may give himself to his spiritual ministry.

Pastors are lonely individuals within the congregation. They often feel that they carry all of the responsibilities of the congregation. Your president would urge the lay delegates of this convention to serve as delegates from synod to their congregations to carry to the laity the necessity for them to take an ever increasing part in the activities of their churches, to carry additional loads for Christ and to discover ways and means to strengthen and encourage the ministry of their pastors.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your president would place before this convention the three-fold program of the United Lutheran Church in America and urge each congregation to plan to carry out effectively each objective:

I. EVANGELISM II. STEWARDSHIP III. CHEY

These will be explained in detail through other reports.

Conclusion: Very humbly your president concludes this report, knowing that he has not been able to express adequately that which has been done and ought to be brought to the attention of the Church, nor has he been able to give the plans and programs of the whole Church their rightful and deserved emphasis or relate the personal acts of the president. He only asks that those who may listen or who may read may be moved by God to understand the spirit in which the report has been written and submitted. He leaves it wholly in the Lord's hands.

Grateful unto God and His Church for the privilege which has been his to serve, he

Respectfully submits this report,

JAMES PRINCE BEASOM, JR., President

Official Acts and Statistics of the President of Synod:

RESIGNATIONS:

April 7, 1948, The Rev. Donald E. Wagner, Faith, Long Beach
May 1, 1948, The Rev. Donald W. Endter, Faith, Phoenix
May 1, 1948, The Rev. Frederick K. Wentz, Grace, Culver City
June 1, 1948, The Rev. George H. Lovekamp, Asst. Pastor, Grace, Phoenix
June 1, 1948, The Rev. H. G. Schwegler, St. Michael's, Berkeley
August 1, 1948, The Rev. Gerold B. Strickler, Asst. Pastor, St. Matthew's, North Hollywood
August 31, 1948, The Rev. J. S. Herold, D.D., St. Paul's, Sanger
September 30, 1948, The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser, St. Paul's, Los Angeles
November 7, 1948, The Rev. Robert D. Kerstetter, Hollywood, Los Angeles
December 2, 1948, The Rev. Donald W. Endter, Asst. Pastor, First, Los Angeles

CALLS ACCEPTED:

April 4, 1948, The Rev. Donald W. Endter, Asst. Pastor, First, Los Angeles
April 11, 1948, The Rev. Paul C. Wharton, Faith, Long Beach
May 1, 1948, The Rev. John Fellner, Asst. Pastor, First, Glendale
May 1, 1948, The Rev. J. William Bowman, Trinity, Pomona
May 23, 1948, The Rev. Albert Shandrick, Asst. Pastor, St. Mark's, San Francisco
May 23, 1948, The Rev. Frank Clutz, Faith, Phoenix
September 20, 1948, The Rev. George Lovekamp, St. Paul's, Sanger
October 17, 1948, The Rev. Donald W. Endter, St. Paul's, Los Angeles
December 31, 1948, The Rev. Howard A. Lenhardt, Altadena, Altadena
December 31, 1948, The Rev. Kenneth E. Linton, Mt. Zion, Yreka
December 31, 1948, The Rev. Thomas J. Daly, Reformation, Las Vegas
December 31, 1948, The Rev. John P. Stump, Foothills, La Canada

INSTALLATIONS:

January 4, 1948, The Rev. Dwight L. Miley, First, San Francisco
January 11, 1948, The Rev. Franklin A. Swanson, Transfiguration, Los Angeles
January 18, 1948, The Rev. Harold J. Lorimer, Grace, Alhambra
January 18, 1948, The Rev. Willis J. Forsyth, Redeemer, El Monte
February 1, 1948, The Rev. George Lovekamp, Asst. Pastor, Grace, Phoenix
February 29, 1948, The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, Trinity, Pasadena
February 29, 1948, The Rev. David E. Robison, Salem, Whittier
March 7, 1948, The Rev. Frederick H. Bartelt, St. James, Richmond
March 28, 1948, The Rev. Quentin P. Garman, Christ, San Diego
April 4, 1948, The Rev. L. A. Failing, Luther Memorial, Burbank
April 18, 1948, The Rev. Donald E. Wagner, First, Oakland
May 2, 1948, The Rev. Donald W. Endter, Asst. Pastor, First, Los Angeles
June 2, 1948, The Rev. J. William Bowman, Trinity, Pomona
June 20, 1948, The Rev. Frank H. Clutz, Faith, Phoenix
July 11, 1948, The Rev. Paul C. Wharton, Faith, Long Beach
July 18, 1948, The Rev. Albert Shandrick, Asst. Pastor, St. Mark's, San Francisco
July 25, 1948, The Rev. William C. Blough, Grace, Culver City
November 7, 1948, The Rev. George Lovekamp, St. Paul's, Sanger

DISMISSALS

June 1, 1948, The Rev. H. G. Schwegler, The Iowa Synod

ORDINATIONS:

February 1, 1948, The Rev. George Lovekamp at the Grace Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Arizona

May 16, 1948, The Rev. J. William Bowman at the First Lutheran Church, Glendale, California

July 18, 1948, The Rev. Albert Shandrick at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California

ORGANIZATION OF CONGREGATIONS:

January 25, 1948, The Ev. Lutheran Church in the Foothills, La Canada

October 31, 1948, The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Las Vegas

DEDICATIONS: (Church Buildings)

April 18, 1948, The St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento

May 16, 1948, Salem United Ev. Lutheran Church, Whittier

June 20, 1948, Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church, Tucson

September 26, 1948, The Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Inglewood

November 21, 1948, The Beverly Hills Lutheran Church, Los Angeles

November 21, 1948, The St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Diego

November 25, 1948, The Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, San Diego

JAMES PRINCE BEASOM, JR.

The motion prevailed that the report be referred to the Committee on the President's report.

Mr. Carl Bell presented the report of the Treasurer:

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California

GENERAL FUND

Statement of Benevolences Received, Benevolences Distributed and Expenses

Year Ended December 31, 1948

Benevolences undistributed Jan. 1, 1948		$ 9,289.62
RECEIPTS:		
General apportionment from Churches	$ 90,391.32	
Lutheran World Action	28,884.01	
Other designated benevolences	5,617.95	124,893.28
Total Benevolences Received		$134,182.90
Benevolences Paid Outside of Synod		
United Lutheran Church in America	$ 57,562.00	
Lutheran World Action	29,217.97	
Midland College	8,377.76	
Western Theological Seminary	1,800.00	
New Mission Reserve	600.00	
Youth Camp Reserve	3,188.00	
Reserved for U.L.C.A. delegates	600.00	
Board of American Missions	1,200.00	
Other designated benevolences	6,550.21	
Total Benevolences distributed		$109,095.94
Benevolences retained in Synod		25,086.96
Other Income		200.00
Total Income		$ 25,286.96
EXPENSES:		
Salary — President	$ 5,500.00	
Expenses of the office of President	3,000.00	
Pension plan contributions	240.00	
Salary — Secretary	2,145.15	
Travel expense	100.00	
Utilities — office	600.00	
Other Synodical salaries	725.00	
Delegates travel expense — Synod	1,143.97	
Knubel Miller Lectures — Travel	544.75	
Synod Convention expense	207.94	
Printing of Synodical Convention Minutes	905.70	
U.L.C.A. Delegates expense	600.00	
Golden State Lutheran publication costs	757.32	
Synodical supplies	566.30	
Executive committee expenses	1,311.62	
Other committee expenses	309.41	
Ministerial Education contributions	1,212.50	
Youth Camp Committee expense	342.13	
Supply Pastors at Yosemite & Sequoia Nat. Parks	125.00	
Grant to Home Missions	1,000.00	
Grant to Home for Aged	1,400.00	
Accountant's fees	475.00	
Hawaii Travel allowance	500.00	
Other Synodical expenses	478.52	
Total expense		$ 24,190.31
Net Income		$ 1,096.65

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California

GENERAL FUND—BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1948

ASSETS			
Cash			
Demand deposit			$21,096.61
Notes and Accounts Receivable			
Notes receivable		$ 300.00	
Trust deed note receivable		3,445.33	3,745.33
Due from Other Funds			
Synodical Mission Fund			
Account receivable	$ 56.79		
Loan	$ 1,000.00	1,056.79	
Lutheran Camp		2,809.51	
Church Extension Fund		1,483.82	
Lamphear Program advances		43.66	5,393.78
Deposits			57.26
			$30,292.98
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable			
Payroll taxes		$ 16.80	
Pension plan		134.66	
Income taxes withheld		69.90	
Travel expense		120.99	342.35
Due Other Funds			
Home for the Aged		2,413.56	
Division of Church Extension		3,978.55	
Synodical Mission Fund		250.00	6,642.11
Benevolences Undistributed			
Benevolences undistributed per schedule			13,106.10
Trust Fund			
Mathilda Jensen Trust			8,521.19
Surplus			
Balance at December 31, 1948			1,681.23
			$30,292.98

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California

GENERAL FUND

Statement of Surplus

Year ended December 31, 1948

Balance — January 1, 1948			$ 7,669.10
Net Income for the year 1948			1,096.65
			8,765.75
Charges to Surplus Account			
Allocation of Surplus for 1947			
Board of American Missions	$ 1,200.00		
Midland College	2,130.00		
California Lutheran Camp	2,500.00		
U.L.C.A. Delegates	600.00	$ 6,430.00	

Burbank Review Printers paid in accordance with 1947 Synod Minutes	488.75	
Auditor's adjustment of 1947 undistributed apportionment receipts	165.77	
Total charges to surplus		7,084.52
Balance — December 31, 1948		$ 1,681.23

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California
SYNODICAL MISSION FUND
Balance Sheet
December 31, 1948

ASSETS		
Cash		
Demand deposit		$ 835.59
Accounts receivable		
Loans receivable	$ 300.00	
Due from Synod	250.00	550.00
Due from Churches		
Notes receivable	903.09	
Due from churches in connection with financing parsonages and churches per separate schedule	7,533.50	8,436.59
		$ 9,822.18
LIABILITIES		
Due General Fund		$ 1,056.79
Surplus		
Balance at December 31, 1948		8,765.39
		$ 9,822.18

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California
SYNODICAL MISSION FUND
Statement of Income and Expense
Year ended December 31, 1948

INCOME		
General apportionment from churches	$ 3,127.54	
Designated benevolences	1,345.00	
Interest	10.84	
Total Income		$ 4,483.38
EXPENSES		
Surveys	1,279.40	
Grants and gifts	1,367.79	
Other expenses	12.00	
Total Expense		2,659.19
Net Income		$ 1,824.19

Statement of Surplus

Year ended December 31, 1948

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 6,941.20
Net income for the year	1,824.19
Balance December 31, 1948	$ 8,765.39

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1948

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash in bank	$10,000.00	
Petty cash	1,500.00	
Due from General Fund	3,978.55	$15,478.55
Construction Work in Process		
Beverly Hills Lutheran Church—Beverly Hills	2,597.36	
Luther Memorial Church—Burbank	583.01	
First Church—Glendale	38.62	
St. Luke's—Huntington Park	8,542.34	
First Church—Los Angeles	1,431.44	
St. Peter's—San Diego	652.72	
Christ's—Pacific Beach	1,618.41	
First Church—San Francisco	98.95	
St. Andrew's—San Mateo	110.87	
St. Paul's—Vallejo	5,766.21	21,439.93
OTHER ASSETS		
Deposits	482.62	
Automotive equipment	2,184.10	
Construction equipment	958.45	
Materials Inventory	137.27	3,762.44
		$40,680.92
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Loans payable	33,000.00	
Accrued Workmen's Compensation Insurance	342.64	
Accrued payroll taxes	150.53	
Income tax withheld	208.70	33,701.87
Due General Fund		1,483.82
Surplus		
Balance at December 31, 1948		5,495.23
		$40,680.92

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Statement of Income and Expense

Year ended December 31, 1948

Income		
Church Extension Receipts	$ 7,918.40	
Russel Fray job	698.28	
Equipment rental	2.50	
Assistance from B.A.M.	2,400.00	
Total Income		$11,019.18
Expenses		
Salaries — Superintendent	3,898.00	
Salaries — Office	113.00	
Auto expense	216.00	

Travel	203.79	
Postage	10.10	
Telephone	15.81	
Printing	16.76	
Supplies and tools	159.14	
Accountant's fees	250.00	
Insurance premiums	241.35	
Total expense		5,123.95
Net Income		$ 5,895.23

Statement of Surplus

Year ended December 31, 1948

Balance—Deficit January 1, 1948	$ 400.00
Net Income for the year	5,895.23
Balance—Surplus December 31, 1948	$ 5,495.23

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California

LUTHERAN CAMP

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1948

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Petty cash	$ 200.00	
Amount due from Camp Director	99.26	$ 299.26
Property and Equipment		
Lease and equipment	2,538.20	
Furnishings and equipment	935.61	
Camp improvements	4,597.60	8,071.51
Insurance deposit		40.90
		$ 8,411.67
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Notes payable	$ 3,000.00	
Due General Fund	2,809.51	5,809.51
Camp Yolijwa Improvement Fund Savings		85.53
Surplus		
Balance at December 31, 1948		2,516.63
		$ 8,411.67

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California

LUTHERAN CAMP

Statement of Income and Expense

Year ended December 31, 1948

Income		
From churches	$ 1,159.90	
Allocation of Synod's 1947 Surplus	2,500.00	
Women's Missionary Society	1,200.00	
From Youth Camp Reserve	688.00	
Total Income		$ 5,547.90

Expenses			
Repairs and Maintenance		$ 504.75	
Gas service		275.38	
Food		218.56	
Operating		435.65	
Taxes		97.27	
Supervision		625.00	
Auto expense		583.34	
Stationery and supplies		87.29	
Insurance		217.76	
Total Expense			3,045.00
Income other than Camp operation			$ 2,502.90
Camp Operation Income			
Store sales, books and pictures		$ 367.77	
Meals		40.00	
Bus		150.00	
Registration		2,266.37	
		2,824.14	
Camp Expenditures			
Jeep expenses	$ 71.00		
Camping membership	50.00		
Supplies	47.00		
Salaries	223.00		
Books	80.00		
Kitchen expenses	1,318.00		
Crafts	35.00		
Store expense	29.00		
Photography	192.00		
Refunds	54.00		
Camping equipment	530.00		
Miscellaneous	181.41		
Total Camping Operation expenses		2,810.41	
Net Camping Income			13.73
Net Income			$ 2,516.63

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THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE AGED

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1948

ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash in Bank		$ 17,380.26	
Petty Cash		125.00	
Due from Synod		2,413.56	
Total current assets			$ 19,918.82
Notes Receivable			
Division of Church Extension			13,000.00
Stocks and Bonds			100.00
Fixed Assets			
Land		33,500.00	
Buildings	$ 75,272.50		
Less reserve for Depr.	2,773.17	72,499.33	
Furnishings and fixtures	$ 18,240.25		
Less reserve for Depr.	2,636.85	15,603.40	121,602.73

Cottages in Process	12,023.84	
Less deposits on cottages	10,500.00	1,523.84
Other assets		
Food inventory	325.00	
Deposits	183.22	508.22
		$156,653.61
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Compensation insurance payable	$ 307.18	
Income tax withheld	193.10	
Accrued salaries	50.00	
Total current liabilities		$ 550.28
Notes payable		30,800.00
Deposit Accounts		
Edward and Charlotte Schrickle	2,627.80	
Entrance deposits	8,895.82	11,523.62
Surplus		
Balance at December 31, 1948		113,779.71
		$156,653.61

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California

THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE AGED

Statement of Income and Expense

Year ended December 31, 1948

Income		
Receipts from care	$15,025.20	
General Apportionment from Synod	3,500.00	
Total income		$18,525.20
Expenses		
Salaries and wages	8,377.80	
Utilities	1,231.23	
Maintenance and repair	1,839.92	
Stationery and printing	98.72	
Insurance	645.03	
Licenses	2.00	
County taxes	141.70	
Food	4,589.97	
Supplies	714.65	
Travel expense	443.40	
Accounting expense	600.00	
Salary of business manager	600.00	
Postage	71.74	
Laundry	425.11	
Medical supplies	463.65	
Blue Cross	69.60	
Auto expense	7.66	
Accountant's fees	250.00	
Miscellaneous	96.53	
Total expense		20,668.71
Operating loss before depreciation		2,143.51
Provision for depreciation		3,329.48
Net Operating Loss		$ 5,472.99

Other Income			
Gifts from churches		2,670.41	
Appropriated receipts		6,177.50	
Memorials		134.80	
Miscellaneous		1,399.56	
Total other income		10,382.27	
Deduct interest on loans		1,268.75	
		9,113.52	
Insurance Settlement on Fire Damages			
Amt. recd. from insurance claims	$16,689.34		
Deduct cost of repairs	11,747.68	4,941.66	
Net amount of other income			14,055.18
Net Income for the year			$ 8,582.19

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wayne Pfundstein, appointed Auditor by the Executive Committee of Synod, presented the following report:

April 27, 1949

The Executive Committee
The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California
3119 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California

I have examined the balance sheets of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and the California Lutheran Home for the Aged, and the statement of income and expense and surplus for the year ended December 31, 1948.

I have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the Synod, and without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested the accounting records of the Synod and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent deemed appropriate. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary.

It is my opinion that the accompanying balance sheet and related statements of income and expense present fairly the financial position of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and the California Lutheran Home for the Aged at December 31, 1948, and the results of their operations for the year in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

WAYNE PFUNDSTEIN, Public Accountant

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The report was adopted.

The Rev. John E. Hoick presented the following report?

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

The Archives of Synod repose in a steel filing cabinet in the President's office under the vigilant eye of his secretary. The Synodical minutes have been kept up to date, and with the other official documents are being carefully preserved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN EDWARD HOICK

The report was adopted.

The Rev. John E. Hoick presented the Historian's report:

THE HISTORIAN'S REPORT

The year 1949 will be memorable not only because of the Centennial celebration of the coming of the Argonauts, and the inauguration of Lutheran Church work in California, but also for the publication of a Centennial History of Religious Life in this State. Dr. A. T. DeGroot, the Dean of Chapman College is taking the initiative in the preparation of this History. Funds for its publication have been assigned by the College. Dr. DeGroot is a man of ability and experience, having supervised the preparation of a similar Centennial volume marking the 100 years of Statehood of Iowa in 1946.

Denominational histories for this volume are to be prepared by representatives of the different church groups. For the Lutherans, the Rev. C. W. Berner will write the history of the Missouri Synod. The Rev. George H. Muedeking will assemble the material for the four bodies embraced in the American Lutheran Conference. On the recommendation of the President of Synod, your Historian has been requested to record the events connected with the United Lutheran Church in California.

The publication of this Centennial History will be early in 1950, and its comprehensive presentation of the inauguration, development, and present status of the religious activities in our State, together with charts, statistical tables, and pictures will be awaited with much interest.

RESOLVED: That the action of the Synodical President be approved.

JOHN EDWARD HOICK

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Howard Anspach presented the following report:

THE REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

> "So when the corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." I Cor. 15:54.

The Rev. Sylvanus Homer Yerian, D.D.

Dr. Sylvanus Homer Yerian, 76 year old retired Lutheran Pastor and former president of the Nebraska Synod, died in Los Angeles, California, August 7th.

Born in Roann, Indiana, in 1872, Dr. Yerian was graduated from Wittenberg College in 1896 and from Hamma Divinity School in 1899. His Alma Mater honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1924. Pastorates in which he served included: St. Luke's Church, Youngstown, Ohio; St. Andrew's Church, Chicago, Illinois; Forreston, Illinois; St. Luke's Church, Omaha, Nebraska; Fifth Church, Springfield; and St. John's, Gardena, California. He retired in 1936 and served as supply pastor for several West Coast parishes until 1942.

While at St. Luke's Church, Omaha, Dr. Yerian was president of the Nebraska Synod. He represented the Nebraska Synod at the organization of ULCA in New York. He was an instrumental factor in the relocation of Midland College from Atchison, Kansas, to Fremont, Nebraska.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Wilhelmine Yerian, one daughter and a son. Funeral services were conducted in Los Angeles August 9th by the Rev. J. Benner Weaver, assisted by Dr. J. George Dorn, Dr. Herbert J. Weaver and Dr. Henry Irving Kohler. Burial was in Roann, Indiana.

The Rev. John A. M. Zeigler, D.D.

The Rev. John A. M. Zeigler, D.D., retired Lutheran Pastor of the California Synod, died October 25th in Huntington Park, Calif. He was 93.

Born in Pennsylvania, Dr. Zeigler received his education at the Missionary Institute, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, was graduated from Wittenberg College and Hamma Divinity School in 1874. He served parishes in Louisville, Ky.;

Cincinnati Ohio; Nevada, Iowa; Belen, New Mexico; Kansas City, Mo.; San Bernardino, Long Beach, Huntington Park and Gardena, California. For a time, Dr. Zeigler served in the promotion of the proposed home for the aged, raising funds, with which a site was purchased in Sierra Madre, proceeds from the sale of which were applied on the purchase of the home in Alhambra.

The funeral service was conducted October 28th in Trinity Church, Long Beach, by the Rev. Orval A. Awerkamp. Burial was in Whittier, Calif.

The Rev. Adolf Jatho

After 62 years in the Gospel Ministry, the Rev. Adolf Jatho entered into life at the age of 85 years at his home in Oakland, California on March 22, 1949.

Born August 24, 1863, he received his training for the ministry in Germany and in a theological seminary in Chicago. Pastorates in which he served included: A German congregation in Nebraska, St. John's Church in Sacramento, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oakland, St. Andrew's German Lutheran Church of San Francisco, and after the merger of this congregation with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of San Francisco, he served as assistant pastor until the time of his retirement in the early thirties.

In 1900 he married the widow of Mr. C. C. Nordhausen of Oakland, and became a true father to her four children. In addition he had three children of his own. He was preceded in death in 1947 by his faithful and devoted wife. He is survived by his three children: Mr. Theodore Jatho, Miss Ruth Jatho of Oakland and Mrs. Dorothy Cassidy of Los Angeles; also by his step children: Mr. Carl C. Nordhausen and Mr. Fred Nordhausen of Oakland, and Mrs. Olga Griffing of Albany, California.

Pastor Jatho was a profound student of the Word of God and frequently presented papers on doctrine at the meetings of the Northern Conference. A true pietist, his quiet selfless spirit gave him a personality which endeared him to all with whom he came into intimate contact.

Funeral service were held in St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Berkeley, on March 24th, 1949. The Rev. E. A. Trabert delivered the sermon on II Timothy 4:7, 8. Interment was in Mt. View Mausoleum, with the Rev. Herman Lucas of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, officiating in German.

Mrs. Mary E. Maggart

Mrs. Mary E. Maggart, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Miller, was born in Dayton, Ohio, August 26, 1865. Following her graduation from Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, in 1885, she assisted in organizing the collegiate Y.W.C.A. of Ohio. She was married to the Rev. Charles W. Maggart by her father on May 26th, 1887.

Mrs. Maggart was a zealous missionary worker, and assisted in organizing missionary societies in many congregations. She served as President of the Indiana, Kansas and California Synodical Societies at various times, and assisted her husband in organizing the first Young People's Memorial Lutheran Church in the U.L.C.A. in San Diego, California.

She attended nearly all of the General Conventions of the Women's Missionary Society and was usually on the program. A gifted and forceful speaker, she was much in demand.

She entered the "Life Abundant" on January 27th, 1948 as a result of a heart attack, and was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Memorial Park on January 30th. May God comfort and sustain her life-long and devoted husband who survives her.

Mrs. Martha Waite Himes

Martha Waite Himes, widow of the Rev. Samuel T. Himes, Ph.D., died February 6th at Santa Clara, California. She was in her 80th year. Surviving her are two children, Donald of Eureka, California, and Barbara, now Mrs. Schuyler W. Hunt. For many years, Mrs. Himes was active in church work in the east before going to California to work with Pastor Himes in establishing Grace Church, Richmond. She served as the first president of the Lutheran Woman's League of Pittsburgh, and as national thankoffering secretary in the

former General Synod. She was for many years on the Board of Inner Missions in Pittsburgh.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Dr. J. George Dorn, pastor of St. Mark's Church, San Francisco. Interment took place at Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania.

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Kenneth E. Linton

Kenneth E. Linton, II, baby son of Pastor and Mrs. Linton, passed away on January 2, 1948, at the age of two years.

The Rev. E. S. Hanson of Medford, Oregon, officiated at services in Yreka.

Graveside services were held in Urbana, Ohio, The Rev. E. E. Flack, Dean of Hamma Divinity Seminary, Springfield, Ohio officiating.

"No, not cold beneath the grasses,
Not close-walled within the tomb;
Rather, in our Father's mansion,
Living in another room."

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Henry Scherer presented the following report:

STATE OF THE CHURCH

The year 1948 was another one rich with the blessing of God upon us, as our recorded gains testify.

With a national goal of 10% annual increase in communing membership, Synod gained 861 or 6.85%. Of 59 churches reporting in 1947, 22 have gained 10% or more (* indicates that communing gain equals confirmed gain): *Altadena, *Burbank, *Culver City, *Honolulu, Inglewood, Lihue, Long Beach, Trinity; *Pasadena, *Phoenix, Faith; *Pomona, *Richmond, Grace; *Richmond, St. James; Sacramento, St. John's; Sacramento, St. Paul's; *San Bernardino, San Diego, Christ; San Diego, St. Peter's; *San Francisco, First English; San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Tucson, Whittier.

SIX CONGREGATIONS not reaching 10% communing gains, still had a communing gain equal to the confirmed increase: Glendale, Lakewood, Los Angeles, Advent Los Angeles, Transfiguration; Phoenix, Grace; Santa Monica.

Growth in many of our congregations has still been so large that 20 churches gaining in communing membership lost in comparative standing in Synod. After all, our gains were 1265. It was the large loss of 404 that hurt our synodical record.

The ten top churches in membership gains list 6 newcomers for the communicant bracket, 7 in confirmed, and 6 baptized.

Giving is sharply up. Every church paid 100% apportionment, for the fifth consecutive year; and all but 5 met the 200% goal.

With more young people crowding the schools than ever, our youth figures except for Sunday School, all show decreases. This needs prompt attention.

Ten churches climb into the next higher hundred in communing membership: Los Angeles, First English, from 600 to 700; Sacramento, St. John's, from 500 to 600; Richmond, Grace, from 400 to 500. Going from 100 to 200, we find Phoenix, Faith and Tucson. Reaching 100 are Culver City; San Diego, Christ, San Mateo; Whittier; with Altadena coming back past the 100 mark again.

Confirmed membership records show Sacramento, St. John's passing 750; Huntington Park and North Hollywood reaching 500; and Honolulu, Phoenix, Faith; Riverside, and Tucson climbing to 250.

Baptized rolls reveal Richmond, Grace as attaining 1000; Pasadena, 750; Inglewood, 500; Culver City, Oakland, St. John's; San Diego, Christ all coming past 250.

The larger a church grows, the more difficult it is to maintain percentage standings. This makes the more remarkable the fact that three of our ten largest congregations in communing membership, were also in the top ten in every chart but one (per capita giving in each case) compiled by the statistician. These congregations are: Glendale, Richmond, Grace; and Sacramento, St. John's. Most of our ten largest congregations have also set commendable records. Note for instance, the very high percentage of confirmed members reported as communing by Grace Church in Phoenix.

But the largest orchids go to Tucson and Inglewood. Tucson shows the largest communing gain in Synod, is second on baptized and third on confirmed gains, robs Santa Monica of the position of largest debt in Synod, paid out $20,403, shows 86.67% confirmed members communing, and BUILT A NEW CHURCH.

Inglewood also dedicated a new church building, has 87.50% confirmed members communing, topped the synod in both dollars paid out and expenditures per capita, gained 71 communicants to go to 11th place in standing in Synod, was fifth in baptized and confirmed increases.

Honolulu and San Francisco, Temple are to be congratulated on becoming debt free.

GROWTH OF OUR COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP

California Synod, Ten Largest Congregations December 31, 1941

1.	Hollywood	507
2.	Glendale	400
3.	Phoenix, Grace	365
4.	Sacramento, St. John's	286
5.	Los Angeles, First English	270
6.	Pasadena	262
7.	Long Beach, Trinity	246
8.	Huntington Park	236
9.	Alhambra	212
10.	San Francisco, St. Mark's	204
	Total	2,988

38 congregations total 5,650

Californid Synod, Ten Largest Congregations December 31, 1948

1.	Glendale	981
2.	Phoenix, Grace	740
3.	Hollywood	702
4.	Los Angeles, First English	700
5.	Sacramento, St. John's	625
6.	Richmond, Grace	510
7.	Long Beach, Trinity	484
8.	San Francisco, St. Mark's	400
9.	Pasadena	390
10.	North Hollywood	385
	Total	5,917

61 congregations total 13,436

NOTE: That in 1948 the top ten churches were larger than the whole Synod in 1941.

HOW WELL DO WE HOLD OUR MEMBERS?

Rank in Synod 4 year gains	Congregation	1948 adult accessions	1948 gain in communicants	1945-1948 4 year gain communicants
57.	Berkeley	44	loss 8	13
53.	Fresno, First	32	13	20
tie 54.	Fresno, St. Paul's	15	none	15
60.	Fresno, Wartburg	9	none	1
10.	Honolulu	52	41	185 (3 yr.)
tie 54.	Lihue	19	4	15 (3 yr.)
41.	Oakland, First	55	loss 41	46
48.	Oakland, St. John's	15	loss 10	28
tie 25.	Reno	19	5	80 (2 yr.)
3.	Richmond, Grace	179	95	276
40.	Richmond, St. James	8	6	48 (3 yr.)
35.	Sacramento, First	42	3	59
5.	Sacramento, St. Johns	109	62	257
tie 30.	Sacramento, St. Paul's	22	17	68

Rank in Synod 4 year gains	Congregation	1948 adult accessions	1948 gain in communicants	1945-1948 4 year gain communicants
56.	San Francisco, First	8	6	14
tie 37.	San Francisco, St. Mark's	93	none	55
52.	San Francisco, St. Matthew's	14	none	22
58.	San Francisco, Temple	28	8	12
49.	Sanger	none	none	26
tie 42.	San Jose	24	loss 44	44
29.	San Mateo	55	38	71
28.	Vallejo	41	loss 9	73
46.	Yreka	13	loss 5	35 (2 yr.)
21.	Alhambra	41	loss 40	100
tie 25.	Altadena	32	20	80
59.	Beverly Hills	29	loss 17	6
19.	Burbank	21	11	113 (3 yr.)
18.	Culver City	48	34	114
tie 42.	El Monte	15	loss 1	44 (2 yr.)
tie 42.	Gardena	31	8	44
1.	Glendale	151	75	403
9.	Hollywood	123	loss 170	189
33.	Huntington Park	45	8	64
8.	Inglewood	103	71	195
23.	La Canada	105	84	84 (1 yr.)
36.	Lakewood	23	16	58 (2 yr.)
32.	Las Vegas, Nev.	92	66	66 (1 yr.)
22.	Long Beach, Faith	32	1	98
7.	Long Beach, Trinity	139	70	216
11.	Los Angeles, Advent	81	11	180
61.	Los Angeles, Bethany	34	loss 17	loss 37
2.	Los Angeles, First	167	60	313
tie 50.	Los Angeles, St. Mark's	11	loss 14	23
45.	Los Angeles, St. Paul's	21	loss 6	37
tie 30.	Los Angeles, Transfiguration	35	6	68 (2 yr.)
15.	No. Hollywood	95	loss 21	135
24.	Pasadena	48	40	82
6.	Phoenix, Ariz., Faith	82	62	221
12.	Phoenix, Ariz., Grace	193	36	152
tie 37.	Pomona	15	55	55 (2 yr.)
tie 50.	Redlands	12	loss 1	23
17.	Riverside	52	5	116
16.	San Bernardino	37	26	126
14.	San Diego, Christ	66	46	142 (2 yr.)
tie 37.	San Diego, First	68	5	55
34.	San Diego, St. Peter's	47	20	60 (3 yr.)
27.	Santa Barbara	30	18	77
13.	Santa Monica	88	14	144
4.	Tucson, Ariz.	131	105	273
47.	Westwood	31	2	34
20.	Whittier	47	37	107 (3 yr.)
	4 year gain for Synod			5,723

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP OF AVERAGE CONGREGATION

Year	ULCA	% Communing	Gain over last year	Calif. Synod	% Commun.	Gain over last year
1941	204	67.41%	2	148	57.45%	2
1942	205	67.11%	1	154	58.17%	6
1943	207	66.76%	2	173	58.37%	19
1944	211	66.91%	4	188	60.35%	15
1945	215	67.06%	4	195	62.59%	7
1946	224	68.26%	9	207	65.91%	12
1947	225	68.01%	1	213	70.67%	6
1948				220	68.92%	7

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP IN CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Year	Churches with membership of 100-199	200-299	300 and up	Largest Congregation	
1893	8	none	none	San Francisco, First Eng.	260
1898	5	1	none	Los Angeles, First Eng.	215
1903	3	3	none	San Francisco, First Eng.	278
1908	2	none	2	Los Angeles, First Eng.	361
1913	5	none	3	Los Angeles, First Eng.	400
1918	7	3	1	Los Angeles, First Eng.	484
1923	10	2	2	Los Angeles, First Eng.	667
1928	12	6	1	Fresno, St. Paul's	377
1933	13	3	1	Hollywood	336
1938	10	7	1	Hollywood	380
1943	13	8	5	Glendale	518
1948	18	9	15	Glendale	981

Year	Number of Confirmed Members not Communing	Percentage of Confirmed Members not Communing
1948	5,913	31.08%
1947	5,219	29.33%
1946	5,574	34.09%
1945	5,373	37.50%
1944	5,067	39.65%
1943	4,445	40.31%
1942	4,212	41.83%
1941	4,159	42.55%

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Henry Scherer presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

The Parochial Report Sheets posted at this Convention of Synod are a part of the report, and will be submitted to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, with the individual report sheet of each congregation.

God has richly blessed our labors for another year, as the parochial reports so well show. To Him alone we give the praise.

Since it is so much more difficult for larger congregations to assemble all their figures, we are this year "pinning roses" on two groups of prompt pastors, the first three reports given by those of churches under 300 communicants, and the first three of larger churches.

Some figures show a drop under 1947:

Child accessions	46	
Adult accessions	105	
Weekday teachers 16, pupils	5	
Catechumens	3	
Students in Lutheran colleges	6	
Youth groups 2, members	63	
Unapportioned benevolence	$ 18,819	

But mostly there were healthy increases:

Baptized membership grew 2785 or 19.88% to reach		28,131
Confirmed membership grew 1555 or 8.74% to reach		19,349
Communing membership grew 861 or 6.85% to reach		13,436
Sunday School scholars	419	
Members of Men's Societies	41	
Members of Women's Societies	218	
Members of Mixed Groups	425	
Property Value	$879,777	
Indebtedness grew but		$223,217
Congregational expenditures	159,690	
Apportioned Benevolence	41,670	
Total expenditures	182,541	

May God make us better stewards of His grace in 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SCHERER, Statistician

CALIFORNIA SYNOD GROWTH

Year	Commun. Member.	Member. Gain	%	Rank in ULCA	Apportmt. Paid	Rank in ULCA
1948	13,436	861	6.85		$100,307	
1947	12,575	1800	16.80	18	58,637	14
1946	10,775	1785	19.86	19	48,168	15
1945	8,990	1277	16.53	19	38,812	15
1944	7,713	1131	17.03	20	30,709	15
1943	6,582	725	12.38	21	23,408	18
1942	5,857	242	4.32	22	17,500	19
1941	5,615	363	6.93	22	14,389	19

Year	No. of Churches	Rank in ULCA	S.S. Pupils	Property Value	Total Expends.	Rank in ULCA
1948	61		8346	$3,803,306	$941,696	
1947	59	16	7751	2,923,529	759,155	10
1946	52	17	6480	2,188,774	590,050	13
1945	46	18	5367	1,595,186	441,561	13
1944	41	19	4983	1,334,598	355,087	13
1943	38	21	4407	1,231,039	276,332	16
1942	38	21	4025	1,177,773	235,587	16
1941	38	21	4613	1,175,131	195,575	17

The report was adopted.

The motion was made that recommendation #5 of the Report of the Executive Committee be adopted, to-wit: "That Synod elect a full-time President and extend to him a term of five years." The motion was made and seconded that this be amended by the insertion of the following: "That the question concerning the word 'call' be referred to the Committee on the Constitution."

The amendment was carried.

The motion as amended was carried.

The Tellers reported the results of the election for the office of President. The Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., was elected on the first ballot.

The motion prevailed that Synod give him a unanimous vote of support.

The motion prevailed that ballots for the election of the other members of the Executive Committee be mimeographed.

THIRD SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 3, 1949, 2:00 P.M.

The third session was opened with devotions led by the Chaplain. The Rev. P. O. Bersell, D.D., President of the Augustana Lutheran Church in America, spoke on the hope for ultimate Lutheran unity.

The report of the committee on Reference and Council was adopted.

Vice President Albert B. Schwertz officially informed Dr. Beasom of his election to a new five-year term of office as President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

The motion prevailed that the secretary of Synod be instructed to write a letter expressing Synod's gratitude to Mr. Roy Crouch of Los Angeles for the historical graph which he prepared for Synod.

The motion prevailed that instead of reading the minutes of the previous session, the secretary of Synod be instructed to arrange for the distribution of mimeographed copies before the opening of each session.

The following report was presented:

CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Response to the establishing of Children of the Church units in organized churches of the California Synod has been slow. Since the present secretary

has been endeavoring to contact interested members of each church, there has been a possible eight replies, and these somewhat lackadaisacal. However, Trinity Church of Long Beach, and Lakewood Mission have established active groups. There may be several more who have sent their registrations direct to Philadelphia.

Circular letters to each congregation have been mailed at regular intervals except for summer months. These letters have endeavored to set forth the purpose of Children of the Church, and have tried to arouse interest by explanatory remarks. The present series of letters are outlining the studies as presented in the Parish and Church School Board Children of the Church program setup for weekly sessions for two year periods, and encompassing units for Beginners, Primary and Junior groups.

There has been no financial report made to the secretary recently, but returns are far below the 1947 figure on an over-all picture. Since the Children of the Church is an established part of the Lutheran Church, it should be supported.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH YOUNG

The report was adopted.

The Rev. E. A. Trabert presented the following report:

REPORT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER

Upon two occasions during the past year, passes were secured for members of the Executive and Mission Committees of the Synod of California from the Southern Pacific Company. Application has also been made for passes for the meeting in February, 1949, and for attendance of the Seminary Committee at a meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon. It is requested that the Secretary of the Synod communicate the thanks of this body to the Southern Pacific Company.

Respectfully submitted,
EARNEST A. TRABERT,
Transportation Commissioner
L. A. FAILING

Dr. Beasom thanked Dr. Trabert on behalf of the Synod for the excellent services he has rendered to the Church.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Charles P. Smith presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC

During 1948 your committee has consulted with a number of pastors and church musicians, advised on the purchase of organs, and otherwise served on call in the interests of music in the churches. A special communication sent to all the pastors called attention to projected changes in the Common Service which were presented to the convention of the United Lutheran Church, and also suggested observance of the Watts bi-centenary celebration.

At present, your committee is working on plans to bring the professor of Church Music of Mt. Airy Seminary to our synod during the summer to conduct choir clinics both in the north and the south. At the time of writing this report, no definite commitment has been secured, but we trust that if the plans materialize they will have the cooperation of all pastors and church musicians.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES P. SMITH
JOHN B. NIELD
WILLIS FORSYTHE

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Orval Awerkamp presented the following report:

PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL BOARD

Much could be reported on the activities and achievements of the Parish and Church School Board and its work effected within our Synod. The Board has been busy in every way to provide the best for the United Lutheran Church in Sunday School Work. The Christian Growth Series is now available for beginners, primary, juniors, intermediates and seniors. This continues as a cooperative effort of the American Lutheran Church, Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North America and the United Lutheran Church in America.

The Augsburg Teacher for Young People and Adults celebrates a 75th anniversary this year.

More and more leaders are finding the Parish School magazine an indispensable tool for their educational work. Improved format and content make the magazine more attractive and useful in all phases of parish life.

The Boards special program within our synod took the form of an enlistment campaign in October. The program included a visitation on those not now listed in the Sunday School. It also included an evaluation meeting at which time the various Sunday Schools took cognizance of their own weaknesses with the purpose of correction in mind. In most cases the schools reported good success. Some reported as much as one new pupil for every call.

In May of this year, just after the meeting of Synod, another venture will be sponsored by the board along the line of leadership training. Its chief purpose will be to train and inspire for leadership to care for those gained from this years enlistment program, as well as to adequately care for the increase of the years that follow. The entire field staff and major resources of the Board will be at work helping the church to enlist and develop new leaders. Special materials will appear to augment the work.

In 1949, the Children of the Church observes its 10th anniversary. During the past decade, it has grown from 1,300 to 1,600 church groups. Gifts of the children have gone beyond the suggested minimum annual goals as follows: The annual budget has been raised from an original amount of $12,000 to $15,000; gifts from the children have increased from $12,000 to $19,000. All the while each Board of the church has been a recipient of the children's gifts. At the same time each child has grown in knowledge of the greater work of the church at home and abroad.

The secretary of the Children of the Church of our own Synod is not only alive but most active. She has sent out mail and literature, offered personal help to encourage the work of Children but with no response to speak of. Receipts for this year are some thirty dollars less than that of last. We, therefore, wish to recommend that since the Synod does have a capable secretary for this department, that each pastor avail himself of this offered help. Hopeful for a most fruitful year to come.

Respectfully,

ORVAL AWERKAMP, Secretary

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Donald W. Endter presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

One of the responsibilities of the Committee on Publications is to inform the members of Synod of the services of The United Lutheran Publication House and of its newest publications. Therefore, we submit the following to you as information with the hope that it will enable our publication house to serve you better.

1. The Los Angeles store is now a depository for the Foreign Mission Board's movies and slides. There are a number of sets of slides on the various fields of the Church and a fewer number of movies which can be rented. Two of the pictures which are outstanding are: "My Name Is Han" and "Beyond Our Own."

2. The Los Angeles store does not make large shipments of the Sunday School materials such as the Christian Growth and Augsburg materials. Orders should be sent to Philadelphia. Only small quantities and emergency needs can be filled by the Los Angeles branch.
3. It is to the advantage of the pastors and congregations to send all orders for merchandise (not SS literature) to the Los Angeles branch. If the Los Angeles branch does not have the items requested, your order is air-mailed to either Chicago or Philadelphia, which takes just one or two days from Los Angeles. You are encouraged to support our west-coast store which is giving excellent service.
4. The Los Angeles store does no bookkeeping. If you have any questions concerning your statements or invoices, these should be directed to the Philadelphia office.
5. The ULPH has only 3 exceptions to its NO DISCOUNT rule. Pastors are allowed 10% discount on books purchased for their own use. Pastors and congregations are allowed 10% discount on any Common Service Book purchased. Pastors, churches, and Sunday Schools are allowed 20% discount on most Bibles.
6. The ULPH published a number of outstanding books during 1948. Among them was the new CHRISTIAN YOUTH HYMNAL which seems to be filling a need in the church. More congregations are encouraged to begin using this hymnal in Sunday School and in youth groups. Another outstanding publication which was a Religious Book Club selection is Dr. T. A. Kantonen's THE RESURGENCE OF THE GOSPEL. The other publications of the year are:

   LUTHER AND MUSIC by Nettl
   WHAT ABOUT SCANDINAVIA by Rasmussen
   THE FAITH OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH by Aulen
   LET GOD BE GOD by Watson (American edition)
   REINTERPRETATION OF LUTHER by Carlson (our imprint)
   MARTIN LUTHER'S CHRISTMAS BOOK by Bainton (our imprint)

Any suggestions you can give your Committee on Publications concerning the following will help the ULPH serve you better.

1. Are there any forms, manuals, guide-books, or literature which the ULPH does not have now and which you need. What are they?
2. Do you have any suggestions for the improvement or revision of literature and materials already offered by the ULPH? Exactly what are they?
3. Do you have the ability and are you interested in writing for publication or do you know anyone in our Synod who gives promise of literary ability? Our Church needs more capable writers.
4. Do you have any further suggestions for the ULPH which may enable our publication house to serve the Church better?

Respectfully submitted,
DON W. ENDTER, Chairman

The report was adopted.

Mr. Howard Logan, Manager of the Los Angeles Branch of the United Lutheran Publication House, was presented to the convention.

Mr. Howard Logan presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN PUBLICATION HOUSE LOS ANGELES BRANCH

Perhaps the outstanding work of our Publication Board during the time since we met at San Diego has been the number of new books published on Luther and his theology. There have been a number of books of this type carrying the Muhlenberg imprint which have been outstanding. Among them, RESURGENCE OF THE GOSPEL by Kantonen which was a Religious Book Club selection. Others which you should have in your library are FAITH OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH by Aulen, LET GOD BE GOD by Watson,

REINTERPRETATION OF LUTHER, by Carlson. Others will be coming along too. New books by Prof. Nygren, President of the Lutheran World Federation and Elson Ruff, Editor of the Lutheran are in the offing.

The Los Angeles branch and its manager appreciate the very encouraging manner in which you have supported the store. Our business is growing and we are hoping to make spendid gains over the first full year of business. We are increasing our services constantly and enlarging our stock steadily. We are trying to eliminate many of the kinks from the expanding business.

We would call attention especially to LIGHT FOR THE DAY, THE BULLETIN SERVICE and ULCA STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OFFERING ENVELOPES which we are able to offer.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD L. LOGAN

The motion prevailed that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to write a letter to the Manager of the United Lutheran Publication House, expressing our appreciation for the excellent service rendered by Mr. Howard Logan as Manager of the Los Angeles Branch.

The motion prevailed that the Head Teller be ordered to read the names of the incumbent members of the Executive Committee of Synod.

Mr. Howard L. Logan presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LUTHERAN

Some synods are inaugurating plans to place The Lutheran in every home and it will be interesting to see the results. The ULCA has felt this matter important enough to contribute a sum of money to promote the circulation of The Lutheran. Everyone is high in their praise of The Lutheran, but few do anything about promoting it in their congregations. Increasing subscriptions would be a good and worthy project for the Luther Leagues of our congregations. Certainly the paper is deserving of our support.

It would seem like a wise investment for each congregation to have the full membership of the Church Council reading The Lutheran. This in itself would give a big boost to the circulation of about 50,000. It is well known that one of our sister churches with about the same membership as the ULCA has about 300,000 circulation for its magazine.

If we want to really do something about The Lutheran, then we should give it to one of our organizations to promote in our congregations. The pastor can hardly do it, although his frequent reference to it in the announcements and sermons will stimulate much interest in the paper.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD L. LOGAN Synodical Chairman

The Rev. Glen O. Balsley presented the following report:

REPORT ON "THE LUTHERAN"—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The weekly periodical of our Church, "THE LUTHERAN," continues to keep the Church informed with religious news coverage on the local, national, and international scenes in a most excellent, interesting and commendable manner.
RECOMMENDATION:

That a committee be appointed to study methods of increasing circulation of "THE LUTHERAN," the same committee to adopt the most practical and acceptable plan for the promotion of wider distribution of the magazine into the homes of our membership. Said promotional effort is to be conducted in the autumn of 1949 and expenses involved are to be borne by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
GLEN O. BALSLEY

The motion prevailed that action on these reports be deferred until the consideration of the Supplemental Report of the Executive Committee.

The Rev. Frederick A. Smith presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

During the year, counsel was given the pastor of St. Mark's congregation, San Francisco, while that organization was working on a complete revision of their constitution.

All active pastors of Synod have been addressed concerning the action at last meeting of Synod giving definition of a communing member, asking them to incorporate such action in their by-laws and to report such action to either this committee or to the office of the President of Synod. To date, six replies have been received advising of such provision now being a matter of record. We ask all other pastors to send such notices as soon as action is taken by their congregations.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the following Churches have been examined and found acceptable:

The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Las Vegas, Nevada
Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach, California
Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church, Alhambra, California
St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Fernando, California
The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, Hayward, California
St. James' Ev. Lutheran Church, Redding, California

We recommend that these congregations be received into membership in Synod upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The first reading of a constitutional amendment, describing Synodical boundaries, was passed at the 57th Annual Meeting in San Diego. It is recorded on page 29 of the 1948 Minutes.

We recommend the final adoption of this Constitutional Amendment Article I, Section 3A, Paragraph 2, by striking out the words "or contiguous to the natural boundaries of Synod" and in their place substituting the words, "the States of California, Arizona, Nevada, and the Territory of Hawaii."

In accord with action at the 57th Annual Meeting, recorded in the last three paragraphs of page 29 of the 1948 Minutes from San Diego: We recommend the addition of By-Law, Section VI, Paragraph 5 to read "all congregations received into the Synod shall have, or take immediate steps to include, in their by-laws, the definition of a communing member as one who has communed at least once during the year."

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK A. SMITH, Th.D., Chairman

The report was adopted.

Dr. Frederick A. Smith read the following proposed amendments to the Constitution of Synod:

Whereas a greater continuity of executive leadership is both desirable and necessary to the best administrative structure and for the protection of the interests of the Synod:

It is recommended that ARTICLE III, SECTION I, PARAGRAPH 2 of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

"The office of President shall be a full time salaried position. Election shall take place at a regular convention of Synod. Term shall be five years, to begin July first following the election.
The President shall not be assigned to either Conference but shall hold his membership in Synod as a whole."

It is recommended that ARTICLE III, SECTION I, PARAGRAPH 3 of the Constitution shall be amended by:

Substituting the words "July first" for "immediately."

It is recommended that ARTICLE III, SECTION V, PARAGRAPH I of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

"The Presidents of the Conferences shall be the Vice-Presidents of

Synod. They shall be elected for two years, one to be elected each year at a regular conference at the Convention of Synod. The Vice-President serving his second year shall be the First Vice-President of Synod."

"In the event of the death, removal or constitutional disqualification of the President of Synod, the Vice-Presidents shall assume this office in the order of their priority and shall serve until the new President, who shall be elected at the next annual convention of Synod, takes office."

"The Vice-Presidents of Synod shall render, at all times, such assistance as the President of Synod may request."

It is recommended that ARTICLE VI, SECTION I, PARAGRAPH 1 of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

"There shall be an executive committee of the Synod consisting of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and one clergyman and two laymen from each Conference. The President and Vice-Presidents are elected according to the constitutional provisions of their offices; the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually by Synod; the members-at-large shall be elected for a period of two years, one-half of them to be elected each year; their terms all begin July first following election."

In order to carry out the provisions of recommendations three and four:

It is recommended that at the annual convention at which these provisions become effective the Northern Conference shall elect for one year and the Southern Conference for two. Thereafter they shall alternate in the annual elections for the offices involved in these recommendations. This first election shall also establish the First Vice-Presidency in the Northern Conference for the first year after which alternations begin.

It is recommended that Article V, Paragraph 2b of the By-Laws of this Synod shall be amended by the addition of the words, "but at no time shall there be less than two laymen and two clergymen from either conference."

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

The motion prevailed that the Committee on the Constitution in consultation with the Executive Committee be ordered to study the advisability of a complete revision of the Constitution including in their study the model Constitution for Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The Rev. James P. Beasom presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE AGED

Operating under its new charter, the California Lutheran Home for the Aged has just completed its first full year in the service of the Church. It has been a year which has been filled with new experiences, problems, joys and blessings. God has been good and has brought us through what might have been a serious disaster to a stronger and healthier condition. To Him, again, we raise our petitions of thanksgiving.

During the year, the Home has cared for thirty guests, four of whom the Lord called unto Himself. We remember them and hold their memory sacred:

Mrs. Elizabeth Kraemer
Mrs. Louise Barrow
Mrs. Minnie Powell
Mrs. Lottie Schrickle

May the Lord bring comfort and strength to their dear ones.

The first of our cottages has been completed adding more than ten thousand dollars to the value of our properties. This is the Henry Foster cottage.

The garage has been rebuilt into a cottage for the superintendent, and two other cottages are almost completed: the Mrs. Demski and the Miss Miller cottages. When these are finished, the new buildings will add more than thirty thousand dollars to our net worth. Besides these additions, the gatehouse, which was given to us by Mr. Jebbia, and valued at ten thousand dollars, is now vacant and becomes a part of our buildings for the Home.

About a year ago, while our guests were eating their evening meal, fire broke out in the roof of the main building, caused by a spark from a brush fire which the city fire department had extinguished. Damage of over $15,000 was done, but no one was injured. Insurance made possible the rebuilding, and your Board made additions during the construction period, with an asbestos shingle roof and an additional heating unit for the second floor which eliminated all gas units in the individual rooms.

The Board called Mr. Carl A. Bell to be its first fulltime superintendent. He had barely begun his magnificent work at the Home, when he became ill and it was necessary for him to request a leave of absence. This the Board granted to him, and requested Mrs. G. Lyon, who was assistant superintendent, to occupy the position of acting superintendent. The Board owes much to the assistance and direction of Mr. Bell, as well as to its first assistant superintendent, Mrs. E. Hosfeld, and to Mrs. Lyon. All other staff members have given valiant service, and all of the guests have assisted to make a happy and Christian home.

The Board has changed its rates for care of the Home from a minimum of $50.00 per month to $65.00 per month. The other rates of $75.00 and $100.00 remain the same. The Board is grateful to the congregations for their gifts of money and supplies, to the chapters of the Women's Fellowships of the Home for their many acts of kindness, financial help, and assistance, to the Board of Social Missions, the Social Mission Society of Southern California and many individuals for their financial contributions. All of these have made possible the operation of the Home in the black and the retirement of $5,000 of the Home's indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR., President

The report was adopted.

Five minutes recess was declared.

The Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., President of the United Lutheran Church in America, spoke to the convention on the problems confronting the Church in the field of American Missions, Education, Social Missions and Evangelism and Foreign Missions.

TELLER'S REPORT

The Tellers reported the following results in the elections:

Secretary.....The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert
Treasurer.....Mr. Carl A. Bell
Statistician.....The Rev. Henry Scherer
Archivist.....The Rev. John Hoick, D.D.
Lay member of the Executive Committee
from the Northern Conference.....Mr. Leo Johnston

The motion prevailed that following the next ballot, subsequent ballots be limited to double the number for each office.

The session was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. and was followed by a memorial service arranged by the Necrologist of Synod. Participants in the service were Dr. Howard Anspach, the Rev. Orval Awerkamp, Dr. J. George Dorn and Dr. E. A. Trabert.

At 8:00 p.m., a joint service was held with the California District of the American Lutheran Church, the California Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church, the Pacific District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Pacific District of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grace Cathedral. The Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., President of the United Lutheran Church in America, brought a message on "Uniting for Christ."

FOURTH SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 4, 1949, 9:00 A.M.

Meeting was opened with devotions conducted by the Chaplain of Synod.

The Rev. Em. Poppen, D.D., President of the American Lutheran Church, spoke on the theme "An Open Door."

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

The report of the committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

Motion prevailed that after the meeting of the Ministerium following this session, the delegates assemble downstairs to view the film on Camp Yolijwa.

The Tellers reported that Mr. Fritz Noel and Mr. Fritz Bowman had been elected as lay members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Conference.

The following amendment to the report of the Constitution Committee was adopted: "That Synod elect a full-time President for a term of five years."

The following report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF SYNOD

Having examined the Minutes of Synod for the 1948 Convention held in First English Lutheran Church, San Diego, California, January 26-29, we believe them to be in good order and accurately presented.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE A. SPINDT, Chairman

The Rev. F. W. Heinecken presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

It is a delight to see the Women of the Church in action. Material results show that they are not standing still but are vigorously moving forward both materially and spiritually to accomplish great things and thus to carry forth the high commission of the Lord.

Not only have these organizations supported Missionary endeavors both at home and abroad, but they have also made substantial contributions to Lutheran World Action, the California Lutheran Home for the Aged and California's Camp YOLIJWA.

In addition, throughout Synod, there is a host of faithful women laboring in the vineyard, serving as Sunday School teachers and officers, as Luther League advisors and members of choirs, as well as in other worthwhile capacities, ever doing the work of the Master.

Your committee graciously recognizes that the benevolent spirit of these women gives evidence of a consecrated spiritual life and interest in the welfare of others. They are to be highly commended for their unfailing love and loyalty to the Lord's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. F. W. HEINECKEN, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that we express to the Synodial Women's Missionary Society our deep gratitude for the splendid work they are doing in promoting the Church in Hawaii.

The Rev. Harold J. Lorimer presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE ADVISOR

The past year has been an active one for the young people of the Southern District Luther League. There were the usual conventions and rallies which invariably generate a stronger sense of unity and awareness of oppor-

tunity. These were exceedingly well attended. Regular meetings each month of the Executive Committee were held to plan the activities of the district. Also, a splendid interchange of fellowship was brought about by frequent combined meetings, program exchanges and interleague athletic contests.

The objectives of the District for the coming year are to effect an increase in the spiritual outlook and understanding of the young people, to encourage a more active participation in the program of the local church, to stimulate a growing interest in the development of the Synodical Luther League, to promote increased enrolment in the Leadership training course at Camp Yolijwa, and to assist the various leagues in the solution of local problems and in the promoting of the most effective program possible.

To this end, we covet the prayer and cooperation of all.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. LORIMER, Pastoral Advisor

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Theodore A. Youngquist presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE PASTORAL ADVISOR OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT LUTHERAN LEAGUE

The Northern District Luther League enjoyed a successful year under the presidency of Paul Koch. A rally at St. Paul's Church, Sacramento, in May and a convention in St. Matthew's Church, San Francisco, in November were the meetings held during the year in addition to the Synodical convention at Pasadena. The particular emphasis of these rallies and League meetings has been the place of young people in the total life of the church.

The most significant part of the District's program was the establishment of a District project. In 1948, this was in form of a gift of brass offering plates to St. Paul's Church, Sacramento. For 1949 Leaguers voted to make the project the supporting of the new Bible Camp near Santa Cruz.

There are several problems confronting the expanding program of the League which should be brought to the attention of Synod. The problem of distance and separation of churches makes the expression of the total league program on an all District basis very hard, and shows the need for area joint meetings. An even greater need is leadership in an adult or supervisory capacity as the major portion of the present Leaguers are of junior and senior high age. This should develop under the control of the local pastors.

The Northern District Luther League looks forward to an inspiring year under the presidency of Robert Horn; playing host to the Synodical convention, under the impetus of the centennial theme, the District hopes to carry on in the expanding program of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. YOUNGQUIST

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser presented the following report:

REPORT OF SYNODICAL LUTHER LEAGUE

The work of the Synodical Luther League moved steadily forward during the year 1948, not only in gain in membership and attendance, but in spiritual insight on the part of officers and members alike. Several meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the year to formulate plans for the League and to clear up certain points which, in the newness of the organization, had not been clarified previously.

The Second Annual Convention of the Synodical League was held in Trinity Church, Pasadena, over the Labor-Day Weekend, September 4, 5, and 6, 1948. With the Convention Theme "Youth Living Jesus' Way—Yolijwa," the Convention was inspirational from the first moment of the Devotional Session, at which time the Rev. H. Paul Romeis delivered the opening address to the

final Singspiration under the stars on Sunday evening. The presence of the Rev. Joseph W. Frease, Secretary of the Luther League of America, and his excellent presentation of the Challenge of League Work; the addresses by the President of Synod and by Mr. Howard Logan, President of the Luther League of America, were received with deep consideration. The humorous, yet thought-provoking banquet address of the Rev. Boyce Van Osdel, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, San Bernardino, will long live in the memories of those who heard it.

Plans for Scholarships to Camp Yolijwa for deserving Leaguers have been drawn up and will soon be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE F. CROUSER, Pastoral Advisor

The report was adopted.

The following report was presented:

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME

Five chapters of the Women's Fellowship of the California Lutheran Home have been organized. They are: Bay Area, Fresno, Los Angeles, San Diego and Valley Chapters. Each chapter has held two meetings during the year.

These groups have made a noteworthy contribution toward maintaining an active interest in the Home throughout Synod. The ingathering of staple and canned foods through Harvest Home Festivals, contributions for additional furnishing, and the establishment of substantial memorial funds has been the general program for the year.

The Los Angeles Chapter contributed twelve hundred dollars toward the maintenance of the Home and has set aside five hundred dollars toward building an infirmary.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CHARLES S. IZENOUR

The report was adopted.

The Rev. John L. Sawyer, D.D., Past President of the Pacific Synod, was introduced to the convention and brought greetings from his Synod. The motion prevailed that Dr. Sawyer be given the privilege of a voice on the floor.

The motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to send a message of congratulations to the Pacific Synod, which will meet in convention next week, expressing to them our appreciation at having Dr. Sawyer present.

The Rev. H. Paul Romeis presented the following report:

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO ULCA CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA

The following are the highlights:

(1) Confidence was expressed in the officers by their re-election.

(2) The Budget for 1950 was set at $4,830,900 and for 1951 at $5,220,280. Congregations and Synods were challenged to raise as much in 1949 as they did in 1948.

(3) A program to raise $6,000,000 for CHEY during the years 1950-51 was voted.

(4) The Board of American Missions announced that a church was born every two weeks but that there were forty fields approved and waiting for occupancy due to lack of funds. $400,000 was placed in the budget for 1950-51 for church extension.

(5) The Board of Foreign Missions presented the most colorful evening program of the convention. The delegates heartily endorsed the participation in Foreign Mission Advance Program being undertaken by twenty-six protestant denominations.

(6) Special Committee on Faith and Life outlined the steps to deepen the Spiritual Faith and Life of the Church as follows: the Restoration of lapsed members, intensification of Bible study, more frequent expository preaching and the teaching of the historical confessions of the Church. The delegates authorized the Executive Committee to make provision for the carrying out of these proposals and to appoint a similar committee for the next biennium.

(7) Realizing that this is God's day for Lutheranism in America, the convention instructed its commission on Unity to confer upon and negotiate organic unity or steps leading thereto with other National Lutheran Council Churches.

(8) Program of cooperative Evangelism to be undertaken in 1949 and 1950 by the Churches of the National Lutheran Council was approved by the Convention.

(9) The 18th Convention of the ULCA will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, during October, 1950.

Respectfully submitted,
THE DELEGATION

The report was adopted.

The President of Synod presented the following report:

HOME MISSION REPORT

During the year 1948, the work of the Home Mission Committee by synodical constitutional action, was taken over by the Executive Committee of Synod. In the place of a regular Home Mission Committee report, the president of synod submits the following as an appendix to his own report.

The Table below will show the recommendation for salary aid for 1949, as well as the church extension indebtedness of the mission congregation as of the fall of 1948.

Mission	Year Organized	Church Extension Indebtedness	Salary Aid Recommended
Altadena	1944	$ 8,150	$2,200
Burbank, Luther Mem.	1946	28,900	2,280
Culver City, Grace	1945	28,250	1,800
El Monte, Redeemer	1947	14,500	1,980
Inglewood, Holy Trinity	1941	2,500	900
Long Beach, Faith	1945	12,600	1,680
Long Beach, Lakewood	1947	6,018	Missionary Pastor
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	1914	7,415	1,560
Los Angeles, Transfiguration	1947	24,375	2,400
Montrose-La Canada, Foothill	1948	5,800	Missionary Pastor
Phoenix, Faith	1945	39,185	1,440
Pomona, Trinity	1947	5,825	1,800
Reno, Good Shepherd	1947	31,700	Missionary Pastor
Richmond, St. James	1946	14,100	1,980
Sacramento, St. Paul's	1945	27,500	1,560
San Diego, Christ	1947	29,350	2,460
San Diego, St. Peter's	1946	10,000	Missionary Pastor
San Francisco, First	1885		1,620
San Francisco, Temple	1916		540
San Mateo, St. Andrew's	1944	16,405	1,260
Santa Barbara, Grace	1904	2,025	720
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	1926	36,000	
Tucson, Our Saviour's	1945	38,500	1,920
Vallejo, St. Paul's	1943	30,000	780
Whittier, Salem	1946	19,965	2,280
Yreka, Mt. Zion	1947	11,375	1,740
Berkeley, St. Michael's		7,340	
Fresno, First		945	
Los Angeles, Advent		12,690	

Los Angeles, Beverly Hills	9,750	
Oakland, St .John's	438	
San Bernardino, First	4,038	
San Diego, First	10,338	
San Jose, Grace	1,900	
	$537,877	$34,900

Synod expresses its appreciation to the Board of American Missions, the Women's Missionary Society ULCA, Women's Missionary Society synodical and conference, as well as many others who have assisted in the mission program of the synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PRINCE BEASOM, JR.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary of Synod presented the following report:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

The Executive Committee authorized (a) Arrangements to bring Dr. Elmer Zieber, Instructor at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, to our territory to conduct a choirmaster school during the summer.

(b) The setting up of a funding campaign under the leadership of Mr. Guy Lamphear, provided that not less than ten congregations signify their desire to participate in the campaign.

Your Committee presents the following recommendations:

5. That Synod elect a full-time President for a term of five years.
6. That Synod adopt the following plan for the Synod-wide distribution of THE LUTHERAN:
   a. From June 1 to October 31 every congregation seek to have a subscription to THE LUTHERAN in every home.
   b. The cost of such subscription during this period shall be $1.75 per year.
   c. Each congregation shall take such steps as are deemed necessary for insuring that each family begin subscribing to THE LUTHERAN.
   d. Funds for the subscriptions may be obtained by individual subscription or through the congregational budget or provided by one or more of the congregational organizations.
   e. Each congregation shall prepare its own subscription list in quadruplicate and forward three copies with remittance to the Synodical Treasurer.
   f. The Treasurer shall certify each copy as to funds received and forward one copy to THE LUTHERAN, one to the "Synodical Committee on the Circulation of THE LUTHERAN" and the third copy kept in his files.
   g. THE LUTHERAN will bill the Treasurer of Synod for all lists received.
   h. Where a person is already a subscriber, his subscription will be extended by one year.
   i. Synod shall appoint a chairman and committee to conduct the campaign and allow at least one representative in each Conference.
   j. All expenses relative to the operation of the committee shall be paid by THE LUTHERAN. All requests for funds are to be made through the chairman to the circulation manager.
   k. That every Pastor appoint a local chairman and committee and report that Chairman's name and address to the Synodical Committee on THE LUTHERAN.

7. That Synod reaffirm our adherence to the action on Inter-Lutheran Relations taken by the ULCA in convention at Philadelphia in 1948.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

The motion prevailed that the recommendation in the report be considered seriatim.

Items 1 to 5 were adopted.
Item 6 was amended to include item k.
Item 7 was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The Tellers reported the election of the following members on the Executive Committee:

Clergyman from the North.....The Rev. Charles Miley
Clergyman from the South.....The Rev. H. Paul Romeis
Layman from the North.....Frants Jensen

The amendments to the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America were approved.

The Rev. J. Benner Weaver presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE CAMP COMMITTEE

During the summer of 1948, extensive renovations and improvements were made at Camp Yolijwa, our synodical camp located in the Barton Flats area of the San Bernardino mountains, and an intensive seven week camping program was successfully undertaken.

In May and June, the work of preparing the camp for the summer was carried out by Pastor F. W. Heinecken of Trinity Lutheran Church in Riverside, assisted by a crew of workmen. Pastor Heinecken contributed at least a month of his time and we are very grateful to him and to his congregation. He was also assisted from time to time by a small group of Pastors and laymen and by the young people from several of our congregations who conducted week-end work camps. It is impossible to list in this report the names of all who helped in so many ways to prepare the camp buildings and grounds, but to each of them we extend our sincere gratitude.

Major improvements would include the following: **Lodge Building**—Walls and foundations repaired and reinforced, porches and walkways repaired, six sleeping rooms renovated, one room equipped and remodeled as dispensary and sick bay, interior lined completely with knotty pine and altar built at south end, exterior chimney of fireplace extended fifteen feet, roof recovered with fireproof covering, entire building painted, and miscellaneous additions and repairs made. **Kitchen**—Ceiling covered with celotex, new commercial type refrigerator installed, new hot water heater installed, Butane gas tank installed and connected to kitchen appliances, new vent installed on range, new all metal sink installed and new drain boards built. **Dormitory**—new roof covering applied, and building entirely repainted.

In addition, two toilet rooms were razed, a new toilet, shower and wash rack were built, a new office and store building was erected, five tent platforms were erected and tents and sleeping equipment provided, the water line supplying the camp was repaired, the road leading into the camp was regraded and a new recreation area was built at the north end of the camp site. This latter was made possible by Mr. Hansen of Trinity Lutheran in Pasadena, and is very greatly appreciated. The other buildings and the bridge were repainted and many other minor changes and repairs were made, including the stringing of lights to the tent cabins.

The official camping program opened the first week in July and was under the full-time supervision of Pastor Quentin Garman of Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach. Pastor Garman is to be commended upon the success of the summer's program. As Camp Director, he was assisted by a goodly number of pastors and lay people who assisted in countless ways. To each of these,

we again express our deep appreciation, and also to Pastor Garman's congregation for releasing him for the two month period.

Seven camps were held and 139 campers attended. Twenty-five congregations were represented, campers coming from as far as Phoenix and Tucson. There were ten permanent staff members and sixteen pastors who assisted during the summer. It is estimated that more than 200 individuals used the facilities of the camp during the camping period. The Four-Fold Program of Spiritual, Mental, Physical and Social growth with its emphasis upon leadership in the church, the development of Christian attitudes and character, and commitment to full-time service of the Lord and His Church, was well received and present indications are that the great majority of the campers are looking forward to returning in 1949.

During the summer of 1949, it is anticipated that most of the camps will be filled to capacity, and additional tent cabins will be erected to meet this need. We are also happy to report that Pastor Garman will direct the camp for the second year. A 16mm. motion picture in color entitled "Camp Yolijwa—1948" will be available to all congregations and youth groups, and it is hoped that the pastors of Synod will avail themselves of this opportunity to inform their people of the high aims and splendid resources for leadership training of our camping program. It is also hoped that the pastors of Synod will respond gladly when their services on the camp faculty are requested.

The committee would make the following recommendations:

(1) That the Camp Committee be authorized and empowered to select and employ annually an ordained pastor, preferably from the faculty of one of our colleges or seminaries, to direct the camping program each summer.

(2) That the Camp Committee be authorized to continue the development of the camp site and facilities to the place where it will be possible to accommodate at least 100 campers and such faculty and staff as may be needed for each period of the camping program.

(3) That the Executive and Budget Committees of Synod be instructed to allocate during the five year period from 1950 to 1955 such funds as may be necessary in the opinion of the Camp Committee to operate the camp and to provide for the fulfillment of recommendations (1) and (2) above.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE ON CAMPS

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that should the need arise and the Camp Committee request Pastors to serve in the Camping Program, we urge the Church Councils of such Pastors to allow them to serve for a period of one week and that this week shall not be considered as a part of their annual vacation.

The motion prevailed that we extend the time of this session to 11:45 a.m.

Dr. Harold Yochum, President of Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, was presented to the convention and brought greetings.

Pastor Thorlakssen of the Icelandic Synod and Pastor G. D. Bok from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, were welcomed to the convention.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. for the meetings of the laymen and the Ministerium.

FIFTH SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 4, 1949, 2:00 P.M.

Meeting was opened with devotions by the Chaplain of Synod.

The message was given by The Rev. N. C. Carlson, D.D., President of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

The Tellers reported the election of the Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D. and the Rev. Edward N. Spirer to the Board of Directors of the California Lutheran Home.

The special report on theological education on the Pacific Coast was presented and the adoption moved and seconded.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STUDY OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION ON THE PACIFIC COAST

Your Committee has held three meetings with a similar committee of the Synod of California, the latter committee consisting of Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., the Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D., and the Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D.

The meetings were held as follows: Eugene, Oregon, September 1, 1948, Berkeley, California, December 9, 1948, and at Portland, Oregon, February 23, 1949. The last two meetings were held in conjunction with meetings of the Executive Committee of the respective synods.

Items studied at these meetings were:

1. Need for a Seminary
2. Possible location of a Seminary
3. Constitution for proposed Seminary
4. Financing of proposed Seminary

Under Item 1, consideration was given to the rapid expansion of the mission programs of both synods; the loss of men by death and transfer; the annual requirements of the synods for pastors due to the aforesaid items was revealed to be as follows: ten men for the California Synod and five men for the Pacific Synod; the fact that 50% or more of the student body of Western Seminary for the past five years has been made up of ministerial students from the California and Pacific Synods. After very thorough consideration of these items, the joint committee felt that the need for a Seminary on the West Coast was very apparent.

Under item 2, as to possible location of a proposed seminary, two matters were considered, namely, the expansive territory covered by the two synods, and the fact that the University of California has been selected by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America as the language school for missionaries training for work in the Orient. It appears that Berkeley, California would be the logical location for a seminary.

Items 3 and 4 developed because of actions of the joint committee in the matter of recommendations to be made at the 1949 meeting of the respective Synods, and which are as follows:

I. That a theological seminary be established by the California and Pacific Synods.

II. That said seminary be located at Berkeley, California.

III. That the constitution prepared and presented by the joint committee on constitution be presented to the synods for consideration and adoption (see constitution in pre-convention bulletin).

IV. That the initial capital investment for the proposed seminary shall be $100,000 and shall be shared equally by the participating synods.

V. That the tentative operational budget considered by the joint committee be recommended to synods for consideration and adoption (see budget in pre-convention bulletin).

VI. That the tentative date for the opening of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary be not earlier than September, 1950.

VII. That the members of the Board of Directors from the California Synod be elected at this convention.

(NOTE: The Pacific Synod in special convention at Longview, Washington, November 29-30, 1948, approved items or recommendations I and II.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Sawyer, D.D.
Fred Moody
J. George Dorn, D.D.
James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.
Fred T. Lucas, D.D.
Marvin C. Johnson
W. I. Eck, D.D.
Lloyd E. Jacobson, Ph.D.
Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.

The motion prevailed that the recommendations be considered seriatim:

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was adopted.

Item 3 was adopted.

Item 4 was amended with the insertion of the word "initial" before the words "capital investment."

Item 5 was adopted.

Item 6 was amended by inserting the words "not earlier than" before the words "September, 1950." The amended item was adopted.

The following was inserted as Item 7 "that we elect the members of the Board of Directors now."

Item 7 was adopted.

The report as a whole as amended was adopted.

The Rev. H. C. Lindsey presented the following resolution and moved its adoption: "Resolve that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California in this session take action to invite all the National Lutheran Council bodies to cooperate with us in this Seminary."

The motion was seconded.

The motion prevailed that this resolution be referred to the committee on Resolutions.

Dr. T. P. Fricke, Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the American Lutheran Church was presented to the convention and brought greetings.

The motion prevailed that this session be extended until 5:30 p.m.

The Tellers reported the election of the Rev. J. Benner Weaver to the Board of the California Lutheran Home.

The President of Synod presented the following:

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION YEAR

The 1946 Convention of the ULCA approved a Christian Higher Education Year "to obtain funds for the substantial strengthening of our colleges and seminaries," the date and details of procedure being left in the hands of the Executive Board and the Board of Education for report at the 1948 Convention. The Executive Board and the Board of Education presented a joint report to the 1948 Convention which included a "Plan for the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal."

After thorough discussion, the following enabling resolutions and "Plan" were adopted:

ENABLING RESOLUTIONS: (1) That the United Lutheran Church in America resolve to undertake a Christian Higher Education Year Appeal for the benefit of the seminaries and colleges of its constituent synods. (2) That the United Lutheran Church in America adopt the following plan for this Christian Higher Education Year Appeal. (3) That The United Lutheran Church in America adopt the schedule of synodical quotas for the Special Aid Fund of Christian Higher Education Year (see schedule A).

PLAN FOR THE CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION YEAR APPEAL: **Preamble:** That, since the national welfare demands educational institutions, independent of the state and dominated by a spiritual purpose; since all Lutheran colleges and seminaries should be superior, with faculties of high standing, facilities, adequate for effective work, and curricula sufficient to advance the whole program of the whole Church; and since in some cases local and synodical support should be supplemented by aid and support from the Church at large, the Church approve a Christian Higher Education Year to obtain funds for the substantial strengthening of our colleges and seminaries.

I. THE GOAL—That the total goal be $6,000,000, of which $900,000 shall be for seminaries, $4,500,000 for the colleges, and $600,000 for a Special Aid Fund

for distribution to seminaries and colleges by the Board of Education, as will appear hereafter.

II. THE DATE—That the active solicitation of contributions for the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal in synods and congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America extend from January 1 through April, the month assigned to the Board of Education in the Calendar of Causes, in 1950.

That the Board of Education be authorized to engage in the needed advance preparatory work for the appeal throughout the year 1949.

III. THE ASSIGNMENTS TO SYNODS—That the United Lutheran Church in America approve the schedule of total assignments to synods of the Christian Higher Education Year goal (see Schedule A, Col. 4), and adopt quota to synods for the Special Aid Fund (see Schedule A, Col. 3).

PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN THE ASSIGNMENTS: In proposing the above assignments to synods for Christian Higher Education Year, the Board of Education and the Executive Board have been guided by the following principles:

(a) The total goal is distributed among the synods on a basis approximating apportionment assignments.

(b) The Board of Education and the Executive Board have made a careful survey of the needs and askings of all the seminaries and colleges of The United Lutheran Church in America. The two boards have considered the abilities of the synods to provide financially for the Church's seminaries and colleges. In determining the assignments to synods, the two boards have taken into consideration these needs and askings as well as the abilities of the respective synods to provide financially for the Church's seminaries and colleges.

(c) The funds raised by each synod, aside from its quota for the Special Aid Fund, shall be for the benefit of the seminary and college which it supports.

(d) In those cases in which the needs of the seminaries and colleges are proportionately greater in relation to the financial ability of their supporting synods, the quotas of such synods for the Special Aid Fund have been reduced.

IV. THE SPECIAL AID FUND—That the Board of Education be directed to distribute the Special Aid Fund for the benefit of seminaries and colleges where the resources of their constituencies are inadequate and special aid is now necessary.

The Board of Education has considered a tentative schedule for distribution of the Special Aid Fund which is reported in Schedule C.

V. SUBMISSION TO SYNODS OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION YEAR ASSIGNMENTS ASIDE FROM SPECIAL AID FUND—That this convention of The United Lutheran Church in America request the constituent synods to accept their assigned total quotas for their respective seminaries and colleges (see Schedule A, total of Col. 1 and 2), and to act upon the suggested schedule of allocations to those respective seminaries and colleges (see Schedule B.)

VI. DIRECTION OF THE APPEAL—(a) That The United Lutheran Church in America assign to the Board of Education full responsibility for the direction and management of the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal.

(b) That the Church empower the Board of Education to employ an executive director of the appeal and to appoint such committees from the Church-at-large as may be necessary.

(c) That the Church call upon all constituent synods to co-operate heartily in this appeal.

VII. RECEIPTS FROM CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION YEAR APPEAL—That the Church adopt the following procedure for the handling of receipts from the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal:

(a) All contributions from within each synod are to be forwarded to the treasurer of that synod.

(b) The treasurer of each synod shall forward all such sums to the treasurer of The United Lutheran Church in America.

(c) The treasurer of The United Lutheran Church in America shall dis-

burse the funds from the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal upon the order of the Board of Education.

VIII. EXPENSES OF THE APPEAL—(a) That The United Lutheran Church in America direct the Board of Education to defray the expenses of the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal from the contributions to the appeal as a first charge.

(b) That this convention of the Church instruct the Executive Board to advance out of receipts for Part II of the United Lutheran Church in America budget for the years 1948 and 1949, such sums, not to exceed a total of $200,000, as may be necessary toward the expenses of the appeal, with the proviso that all such advance sums shall be repaid to Part II of future budgets of The United Lutheran Church in America from the receipts of the appeal.

(c) That The United Lutheran Church in America instruct the treasurer of the Church to deduct the proportionate share of each synod in the expenses of the appeal from the receipts from each synod, this proportionate share to be determined on the basis of the assignments to the synods as set forth in Schedule A, except as any synod's proportionate share is modified under Section XI of this report.

IX. UNDESIGNATED AND DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION YEAR APPEAL—That the Church adopt the following rules to govern undesignated and designated contributions to the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal:

(a) All contributions within a synod to the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal, not specifically designated for a particular institution or the Special Aid Fund, shall be applied to that synod's total assignment for the appeal and shall be used to assist the synod to meet all parts of its assignment in full.

(b) Donors may designate their gifts for particular institutions of their synods or for the Special Aid Fund. All such designated gifts shall be counted toward the accepted quota for such institutions or for the Special Aid Fund and shall be counted toward the quota of the contributor's synod.

(c) In the event of either over-subscription or under-subscription of a synod's total Christian Higher Education Appeal assignment, the total undesignated contribution from that synod shall be divided as nearly as possible in the ratio of the synod's quotas for its institutions and the Special Aid Fund, all designations of contributions being faithfully respected.

X. PLEDGES FOR THE CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION YEAR APPEAL—That the term of pledges shall be limited to a period of eighteen months from the date of subscription.

That this convention request all synods to co-operate with the Board of Education in the collection of pledges.

XI. CONCERNING OTHER FINANCIAL APPEALS FOR SEMINARIES AND COLLEGES SINCE OCTOBER 1946 AND BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1949—That, at the option of a synod, one or more of whose seminaries and colleges has initiated a financial appeal of its own since the approval of Christian Higher Education Year in principle by the 1946 convention of The United Lutheran Church in America, all receipts up to December 31, 1949, from individual members and congregations of the synod for said appeal of a seminary or college, may be counted toward the total assignment of that synod that the synod's accepted allocation for that institution in connection with the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal, it being understood that such receipts shall not be required to bear their share of the expenses of the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal.

XII. REPRESENTATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT 1949 SYNODICAL MEETINGS—That the Board of Education be permitted to have a special representative at the meeting of each synod in 1949 in order to explain the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal.

The motion prevailed that Synod endorse the action of the church in Christian Higher Education Year Appeal with the following recommendations:

1. Be it resolved that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California endorse the plan for the Christian Higher Education Year of the United Lutheran Church and pledge its full cooperation.

2. That the Synod accept the total assignment of $73,500.00 under schedule A of the plan with the following allocations:

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary	$68,000.00
Midland College	2,500.00
The Special Aid Fund	3,000.00

3. That the Executive Committee of Synod is hereby authorized to appoint a Synodical Directing Committee for the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal, this committee to have complete responsibility for planning and conducting the campaign functioning under the guidance of the Directing Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America and of the Executive Committee of Synod. The California members of the Board of Trustees of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and the California Trustees of Midland College shall be advisory members of the Synodical Directing Committee.
4. That the Synod call upon its members and pastors to give enthusiastic support and to offer constant and sustained prayers for the success of the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal.

The motion prevailed that the next ballot for the Board of Directors of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary be limited to double the number needed to fill the offices.

The Rev. Clifford B. Holand presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE CALIFORNIA SYNOD

At the synod meeting in San Diego, it was voted that Social Missions should be given major emphasis in the Fall Conference programs. This was done in both the Northern and Southern Conferences.

In connection with the Synod meeting, it was also voted that each congregation should be asked to make a contribution toward our welfare agencies of the North and the South. The committee takes this occasion to commend those who have included these agencies in their budgets for the year 1949. At the same time, we ask the other Churches to give this matter the urgent consideration that it deserves.

At the 1948 Synod meeting, it was also voted that each of our pastors should arrange to have the cause of the Welfare Councils presented in their Churches during the year. Too few of our pastors have availed themselves of this opportunity.

We, with the other Churches of the National Lutheran Council, will unite in a great program of evangelism, as already publicized for us in the United Lutheran Church. The committee recommends that the evangelism organization be continued as it was set up at the San Diego Synod meeting with Pastor Vossler as chairman in order that we might do our share toward winning the one million new members by 1950.

The attention of the pastors of Synod is called to the report on Social Action on page 24 in the 1949 year book of the United Lutheran Church. The year book also contains a report on the Home for the Aged as found on page 86.

The cause of Lutheran World Relief is presented to our pastors for their continued concern. Too much stress cannot be placed upon the resettlement service program of our Church for displaced persons. Pastors should use every possible means to promote this cause. In this connection, we rejoice because of the fine response of our Synod to the Lutheran World Action appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD B. HOLAND, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Arthur Alm presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The Committee on Ministerial Education is extremely conscious of the existing conditions concerning the future. We are all aware of the fact that our seminaries are not graduating students fast enough to take care of the rapid demands of the people.

Only a very few of our Churches are sending men and women into full-time Christian service. It should be the goal of every one of our Churches to have at least one person studying for the Lord's Work. "Each One Have One" is our goal for 1949. We cannot always expect others to provide our spiritual leaders. Each parish should be seeking out the very best of its youth for His work.

All prospective students, as well as those now studying for the ministry, should be placed in contact with this committee. At the present time, we have a fine file of prospective ministerial students. Many congregations have sent us names, but we need more.

We have, at present, about fifteen who are in college and plan to enter the ministry soon. We have three diaconate prospects.

At the present time, we have four students attending four different seminaries. Mt. Airy in Philadelphia, Hamma in Springfield, Northwestern in Minneapolis, and Central at Fremont. The Philadelphia Motherhouse has one young lady from our synod preparing for the diaconate.

The following is the list of seminarians from our synod: Charles Clark from First Church, Los Angeles, at Central; George Attwood of Berkeley at Hamma; Woodard Ching of Berkeley at Northwestern, Minneapolis; Kurt Klein of Berkeley at Northwestern, Minneapolis; Jack Glidewell of Tucson at Central; Earl Heuser of Glendale at Central; Gerald Pedersen of Long Beach at Mt. Airy; E. Gene Vosseler of San Diego at Central; Stanley Olson of Phoenix at Hamma. Miss Patricia Chafin of Culver City is in the Motherhouse at Philadelphia.

Our sincere thanks to The Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church as well as the Synod of California, for all the help and cooperation in the years work just past.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE:
ARTHUR ALM, Chairman
MILUS BONKER
THEODORE A. YOUNGQUIST

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Dwight L. Miley presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

During the year, your Committee on Foreign Missions has made an effort to keep the urgency of this work before the Pastors and the Missionary Societies of Congregations.

The Special Epiphany Appeal was emphasized in letters. Special Preparations were made for the meetings scheduled in the Foreign Missions Program of Advance with good success. Many of our people met and heard Miss Louisa Miller, Missionary to India, and Dr. Mary Moses, Medical Missionary and native of India.

In December, Professor T. S. Paulus, valued Christian Educator of India filled a number of speaking engagements in churches of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
DWIGHT L. MILEY
DAVID E. ROBISON
TITUS R. SCHOLL

The report was adopted.

The Rev. H. Paul Romeis presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Your Stewardship Committee rejoices with every pastor and congregation in Synod over the truly remarkable achievements of 1948 in this department of the Church life. The California Synod was one of three ULCA synods to reach the Double Apportionment goal (200% of the apportioned benevolence), and besides this we gave well over our quota for Lutheran World Action, as we have done for the past several years.

With the fine cooperation of the pastors, the stewardship film, "The Salt of the Earth," was shown at least once in every congregation of Synod in the fall of 1948 and to larger audiences than the previous year. Several of our churches used again the 1947 film, "And Now I See," as well as the film strip and records. The excellent stewardship materials provided by the Lutheran Laymen's Movement were used in almost every congregation, as all conducted an annual Every Member Visitation in some form.

The year 1949 offers a particular challenge in that each congregation is asked by ULCA to meet the full apportionment. We urge that each congregation accept this moral obligation as the minimum goal for their 1949 stewardship.

Further suggestions of your Stewardship Committee are:

(1) That continued education in stewardship be given in every congregation, using every means and material available, that the level of our giving may be kept rising;

(2) That special attention be given in this stewardship education to the children in Sunday School and the young people in our youth groups;

(3) That, as part of this education, the tithe be stressed as the reasonable first step in giving;

(4) That pastors order in sufficient quantity and use the very valuable stewardship helps offered by the Lutheran Laymen's Movement;

(5) That the work of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement be made known in our congregations, to the end of enlisting more of our laymen as members of this group;

(6) That the matter of making the Church, its institutions and causes the beneficiaries in their wills be called to the attention of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

H. PAUL ROMEIS, Chairman

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Irving Kohler presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Social Mission Society of the Southern Conference was organized under the name of "The Inner Mission Society." The change of the name followed that of the Board of Social Missions of the ULCA. And by action of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, the Society was made an affiliate of the Synod.

The work has been richly blessed of God, thus proving the necessity and worthy purpose for which it was organized.

During the past year, a number of meetings have been held with Dr. Beasom, President of Synod, in hopes of enlarging the influence, scope and work of the Society.

The only source of income is from annual memberships at $1.00 or more, and the Samaritan Society of Southern California, a beneficiary by constitutional provision.

The grants for individual and family relief, monthly payments toward the operational expense of The California Lutheran Home for the Aged, and

supplying the "Messages for the Day" used by the Chaplain in both the California and Santa Monica Lutheran Hospitals, are reflected in the treasurer's report.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 3, 1947 - NOVEMBER 3, 1948

Amount brought Forward	$1253.76
Transferred from Coast Federal	2921.85
Samaritan Society Receipts	2400.00
Total	$6575.61
Disbursements	4781.91
Balance	$1793.70

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY IRVING KOHLER,

President, Board of Directors

The report was adopted.

The Secretary of Synod presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In fulfilling its constitutional functions, your Executive Committee held six regular meetings during the past year. In addition, three special meetings were held to deal with the special problem confronting the Synod.

Your Committee arranged for the printing and distribution of 800 copies of the Minutes of Synod;

Fixed the salary of the Treasurer of Synod at $600.00 per year;

Approved financing plans for: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Vallejo, California; First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California;

Took steps leading to the establishment in cooperation with the Pacific Synod of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary to be located in Berkeley, California;

Authorized the President of Synod to visit the Hawaiian Islands to locate new mission fields for our Church;

Approved a budget for 1949 based on a rate of $8.00 per communing member and later instructed the Budget Committee to review and revise the budget;

Approved the applications for salary aid for 1949 for mission congregations;

Agreed to have Synod underwrite the interest to the extent of $600.00 annually for a loan of $15,000 from Salem Lutheran Home to First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California.

Set the salary of the Director of our Youth Camp at $150.00 per month during the months of July and August;

Approved the applications for student aid as listed in the report of the Committee on Student Aid;

Transferred to organized and incorporated congregations all parsonages held for such congregations in the name of Synod;

Took action to require two signatures on Synod checks; and authorized Dr. James P. Beasom, Jr., Dr. Albert B. Schwertz, and Mr. Wayne Pfundstein to sign checks for Synod;

Set a goal of 15,000 communing members in Synod by this Convention, and urged all congregations whose percentage of communing is below the average of Synod to make every effort to raise their average to that of Synod by this convention;

Approved the purchase of parsonages for the pastors entering the new mission fields at Manhattan Beach and Hayward, California;

Arranged for the publication of a Centennial Edition of the Golden State Lutheran with a limited number of copies bound for sale;

Allowed the President of Synod $1,000.00 to partially reimburse him for the $2,200.00 he was overdrawn on his expenses last year;

Held meetings with the Examining Committee and the special Hearing Committee on the Kerstetter case to settle the problems presented by the above case.

Your Committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That the Synod adopt the proposed constitution of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.
2. That the revised budget for 1949 be adopted.
3. That all funds raised in the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal apart from those designated to the United Lutheran Church in America, be devoted to the financing of our proposed theological Seminary.
4. That the following congregations be received into membership by the Synod, subject to the approval of the Committee on Constitutions:

   The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Las Vegas, Nevada
   Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach, California
   Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church, Alhambra, California
   St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Fernando, California
   The Ev. Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, Hayward, California
   St. James' Ev. Lutheran Church, Redding, California

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that we reconsider the budget for 1949.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz presented:

BUDGET FOR 1949

I. CONTRIBUTIONS OUTSIDE OF SYNOD:		
1. ULCA Apportionment	$36,322.00	
2. Midland College	5,500.00	
3. Western Theological Seminary	2,000.00	
	$43,822.00	$43,822.00
II. PARK CHURCHES:		
1. Yosemite	75.00	
2. Sequoia	50.00	125.00
III. SYNODICAL MISSIONS:		
1. Home Missions	3,000.00	
2. California Lutheran Home	3,500.00	
3. Ministerial Education	2,000.00	
4. Youth Camping	3,500.00	
5. Lutheran Welfare (North)	300.00	
6. Lutheran Welfare (South)	300.00	
	12,600.00	12,600.00
IV. CHURCH CONVENTIONS:		
1. Synodical (Delegates' Expenses)	1,500.00	
2. Synodical Meeting Expense	200.00	
3. Minutes of Synod	1,000.00	
4. ULCA (Delegates' Expenses)	700.00	
5. Centennial Expense	300.00	
6. Annual Theological Lectures	600.00	4,300.00
V. GENERAL EXPENSES:		
1. Golden State Lutheran	1,000.00	
2. Synodical (Operating)	600.00	
3. Executive Committee	1,600.00	
4. Other Committees	200.00	
5. Statistician's Expense	75.00	
6. Secretary of Synod	250.00	3,725.00
VI. PRESIDENT'S OFFICE EXPENSES:		
1. Salary of President of Synod	6,000.00	
2. Expenses of President of Synod	3,000.00	
3. Pension of President of Synod	240.00	
4. Office Utilities	600.00	
5. Salary of Secretary of President	2,400.00	12,240.00
VII. TREASURER OF SYNOD		600.00
		$77,412.00
VIII. A. Normal Budget of Synod		77,412.00
B. Double Apportionment of ULCA		36,322.00
C. LWA—Quota for 1949		22,000.00
		$135,734.00

REV. ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ, Chairman
CARL V. TAMBERT
H. PAUL ROMEIS

The motion was made that the printed budget be adopted.

The motion prevailed that the consideration of the adoption of the budget be tabled and scheduled as the first item of business in the session tomorrow morning.

The session was adjourned with prayer led by the Rev. Thomas J. Daly.

SIXTH SESSION

San Francisco, California, May 5, 1949, 9:00 A.M.

The session was opened with devotions by the Chaplain of Synod.

The minutes of the previous session were approved.

Tellers reported the election of the Rev. Carl V. Tambert and Mr. O. E. Nelson to the Board of Pacific Lutheran Seminary.

Dr. Gould J. Wickey, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the ULCA, was welcomed to the convention and the motion prevailed that he be given a voice on the floor.

The presence of the Rev. Elvin Hansen of the Pacific Synod was recognized.

The discussion of the budget from the previous session was reopened. The motion prevailed that the following resolution be included in the budget:

"RESOLVED: that the convention recommend to the executive committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California for inclusion in the budget for 1949 the following:

1. That $5,000 be added to the Home Mission Funds to be used for financing purposes for missions. This, to be a guarantee fund.
2. That $5,000 be added to the Executive Committee's general funds for supplemental financing the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal within the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California. Should the entire amount be not needed for the above purpose, the balance shall be allocated by the Executive Committee of Synod at the close of the appeal to the ULCA.
3. That the 1949 budget, as submitted to the Synod in its 1949 Convention, be changed in item VIII. B. to read:
   To Meet the Request of the ULCA for as much or more than that contributed in 1948.....$26,322.00"

The motion prevailed that an item of $500.00 be included in the budget by the Executive Committee to be used as an emergency aid fund.

The motion prevailed that the Executive Committee be instructed to increase the President's expense account to $4500.00.

The budget as amended was adopted.

The Executive Committee report as amended was adopted.

The Tellers reported the election of the Rev. H. C. Lindsey and Mr. Fritz J. Bowman to the Board of Directors of the Pacific Lutheran Seminary.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz presented the following report:

ANNUAL REPORT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE AND WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

For the Year 1948-1949

GENERAL STATEMENT:

The beginning of a new school year—another God-given opportunity to serve the flower of our youth—and through them the Church and her Lord! This is Midland's great mission and the high privilege of everyone who serves our College.

OFFICERS:

The present officers of the corporate Board are: President, Dr. A. W. Young, Omaha, Nebraska; Vice-President, The Rev. W. W. Klover, Salina, Kansas; Secretary, The Rev. Lorin J. Wolff, Lincoln, Nebraska; Treasurer, Mr. Bernard V. Beeson, Fremont, Nebraska.

ENROLLMENT:

During the current school year, the enrollment is the largest in Midland's history, namely 519 students, including 33 in the Study Center courses. As

during the past few years, the men greatly outnumber the women. There are 162 veterans. Two hundred sixty-eight of our regular students are members of the Lutheran Church—this is 58% of the total, a gain of 2% over the last few years. It is interesting to note that of the students attending Midland from outside of Fremont, 69% are of the Lutheran faith. But all of the major denominations are represented in the student body. The grand total enrollment, including 304 students in the Summer Session of 1948, is 823.

We are happy to report that there are **42 young men preparing themselves for the Gospel Ministry** and at least **5 young women who have full-time Church work in view.** The large number of pro-theological students would indicate an increasing enrollment in the Seminary and a larger number of greatly needed pastors in our vacant parishes in the near future.

Never has the student body been as cosmopolitan as during the present school year. The students hail from the following states: California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas and the District of Columbia.

There are 12 foreign students from the following six Countries: Norway, Finland, Liberia, British Guiana, Puerto Rico and India.

SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS:

Midland is a liberal arts college "of the Church, by the Church, and for the Church." Every effort is made by means of the Christian instruction, the regular chapel services, and the spiritual atmosphere of the campus to strengthen the student's faith and sanctify his life.

ACADEMIC STANDING:

Midland is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, as well as by the State Department of Education and by the University of Nebraska. After a recent inspection of our College by the Nebraska Board of Education Examiners, President Hieronymus received a letter from the Chairman of the Board in which he gave high praise and commendation on Midland's excellent educational program.

OPERATIONAL FINANCES:

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (Combined College and Seminary).

August 23, 1947 to May 31, 1948

RECEIPTS:			
Educational and General		$ 93,899.68	
Endowment Investments		6,452.09	
Gifts and Grants		62,758.36	
Sales and Services		2,855.93	
Other Income		4,582.70	
Auxiliary Enterprises		122,568.69	
Total Income			$293,117.45
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Educational and General			
Administration	$ 48,449.95		
Instructional	96,538.33		
Library	7,304.82		
Plant Oper. & Maint.	27,089.98		
Services Rendered	3,105.28	$182,487.36	
Auxiliary Enterprises		110,359.75	
Other Non-Educational Expense		5,963.58	
			$298,810.69
Operating Loss			5,693.24
Less: Increase in Book Store Inventory			2,272.60
Deficit			$ 3,420.64

This is mainly a paper deficit. Since the fiscal year was changed from June 1 to May 31, the above report covers only about nine months. A full 12-months' report would have enabled us to close our books with a small favorable balance.

We are deeply grateful for the increased interest and support received from the California Synod. We shall endeavor to merit this through better service. In 1948, the California Synod sent to Midland College $3,550.00 and to Western Seminary $1,350.00. It is necessary that our annual support of these two institutions be increased.

MIDLAND'S NEEDS FOR ADVANCEMENT:

Immediate and Urgent:

Library-Administration Building (Offices only)	$ 250,000.00
Wing on Beegle Hall (girls' dormitory)	100,000.00
Additional Campus Space for Buildings	40,000.00
President's Residence	22,500.00
Recreation Field for Tennis, Soft Ball, etc.	12,000.00
Remodeling of Administration Bldg. and Science Hall	75,000.00
Landscaping the Campus	26,000.00
Total	$ 525,500.00

Other Needs:

Chapel and Music Conservatory	$ 200,000.00
Student Union Building	150,000.00
Increased Endowment	500,000.00
Grand Total	$1,375,500.00

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

Western Seminary opened its current academic year on August 31, 1948. Fifteen regular students and one special student enrolled for the first semester. The fifteen regular students continued through the second semester, but the special student discontinued his work due to his moving off the territory.

On June 1, 1949, Central Lutheran Seminary will begin to operate as the legal successor to Western Theological Seminary. The Central Lutheran Seminary Board of Trustees held its first meeting on January 19, 1949. The necessary steps were taken to secure a Charter, a faculty, and to set up the budget for the new Seminary. Another meeting of the Board will be held late in May.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend to Synod that:

(1) Midland College be placed upon the Synodical apportionment for the coming year in the amount of $5,500, and the Central Lutheran Seminary in the amount of $2,000.

(2) Re CHEY.

(3) Any other recommendations you may think of.

Respectfully submitted,
YOUR TRUSTEES:
JAMES P. BEASOM, JR.
ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ

The report was adopted.

Dr. Gould Wickey spoke briefly about developments at Midland College and Western Seminary.

The motion prevailed that the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Vice Presidents of Synod be named the Trustees of Synod.

Dr. J. A. Asgaard, President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, was welcomed to the convention and brought greetings.

Dr. Frederick A. Smith spoke briefly on the work of our Welfare Councils.

Dr. Mattson spoke on the Institutional Ministry and Drs. Beasom and Fry outlined the coming work of Evangelism.

The report of the meeting of the Northern Conference was received with the following officers being elected:

The Rev. R. S. Romeis.....President
The Rev. E. Dale Click.....Vice President
The Rev. J. Edward Oslund.....Secretary
Mr. Frants Jensen.....Treasurer

The report of the meeting of the Southern Conference was received with the following officers being elected:

The Rev. Carl V. Tambert.....President
The Rev. J. Benner Weaver.....Vice President
The Rev. Chas. P. Smith.....Secretary
The Rev. Arthur Alm.....Treasurer

The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert presented the following report:

REPORT OF MINISTERIUM

The Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California, on Tuesday, May 3, 1949. The meeting was opened with prayer led by the Rev. Glen O. Balsley.

The Examining Committee presented the following report:

The members of the Examining Committee met at 11:30 A.M., May 2nd, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, and examined the credentials of nine Pastors that are to be received into the Synod by letter of transfer. Their transfers being in order, they were asked to meet with the committee after the evening service on the same day, and following this meeting the committee recommends to the ministerium that the following Pastors be received into the Synod of California:

By letter of transfer:

Vlad P. Benko from Illinois to St. Peters, San Diego, Calif.
Wm. H. Blough from Ohio to Grace, Culver City, Calif.
Howard A. Lenhart from New York to Altadena, Altadena, Calif.
George L. Ulrich from Pittsburgh to Manhattan Beach, San Diego, Calif.
Frank H. Clutz from Pennsylvania to Faith, Phoenix, Ariz.
Robert C. Wheatley from Pacific to St. John's, Gardena, Calif.
Marlin Jack Fellner from Iowa to First, Glendale, Calif.
Paul C. Wharton from Pacific to Faith, Long Beach, Calif.
Thomas J. Daly from Texas to Reformation, Las Vegas, Nev.

Also the following men who have been ordained since the last meeting of Synod, and are now to be formally presented:

J. Wm. Bowman, Ordained in May at Trinity, Pomona, Calif.
Albert J. Shandrick, Ordained in July at St. Mark's, San Francisco, Calif.

The report of the Special Investigating Committee on the Kerstetter case was adopted with the following recommendations:

1. That should the need arise, the Executive Committee be empowered to make any necessary decisions in the case and to report their action to the Ministerium at a subsequent convention.

2. That the Special Investigating Committee be discharged.

The Presidents of the Northern and Southern Conference reported on the retired ministers of their Conferences.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

The report was adopted.

Mr. L. S. Johnston presented the following report:

REPORT OF LAYMEN'S MEETING

We express to the officers of Synod our appreciation for the full day allowed us at the beginning of Convention and urge every consideration be given to make it a permanent part of the Convention program.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. When Conference, general or regional meetings are held, that time be allowed, if possible, for laymen's meetings at which the Lay Members of the Executive Board shall be present to acquaint the Laity with the needs and problems of our Church.
2. That future Synodical elections be held later in the convention program and particular study be made of a plan for nominations and recognition of the nominees.

Respectfully submitted,
L. S. JOHNSTON, Chairman,
Laymen's Meeting

The report was adopted.

The Rev. John P. Stump presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your resolutions committee offers the following resolutions:

RESOLVED:

1. That we express our deep appreciation to the Pastors and the congregation of historic St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church for their most gracious arrangements and hospitality throughout the entire period of this convention by a rising vote and that this resolution be presented to the congregation at a public service.
2. That we express our sincere gratitude to the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, D.D., President of the United Lutheran Church in America for the inspiration of his presence and messages to us; and to the Presidents of our sister Lutheran bodies: The Rev. H. L. Foss, D.D. of the Pacific District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; The Rev. P. O. Bersell, D.D. of the Augustana Lutheran Church; The Rev. Em Poppen, D.D. of the American Lutheran Church; The Rev. N. C. Carlsen, D.D. of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church; and the Rev. J. A. Asgaard, D.D. of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; and to our Synod Chaplain the Rev. Robert S. Romeis. (Rising Vote.)
3. That we pledge our hearty support and cooperation to the President and officers of Synod during their tenure in office.
4. That we express our appreciation to those local newspapers which have given news coverage to this convention of Synod: San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco News, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Call-Bulletin, Oakland Tribune, Oakland Inquirer, Berkeley Gazette, and The Western Lutheran: Also to radio stations KCBS, KNBC, KGO, KSFO, KSNA, KFRC, KYA, and to Miss Dorothy McAllister who handled Public Relations for the Convention.
5. That we express our sincere gratitude to those whose labors and planning have made this unique Lutheran Convention possible: the Steering Committee, The Rev. Lloyd L. Burke, The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D., The Rev. Alf M. Kraabel, The Rev. R. B. Wiederanders, Mr. Percy G. Peterson, and Mr. Robert S. Love, and to the Dean of Grace Cathedral, Dean Lofgren.
6. That we request the Constitution Committee to consider inserting into the proposed new Constitution and By-Laws the provision that no member of Synod, clerical or Lay, be eligible for membership on more than two (2) Boards of Synod and/or the United Lutheran Church in America at one and the same time.

7. That we Petition the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America to invite our sister Lutheran bodies affiliated with the National Lutheran Council and operating on the Pacific Coast to join with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and the Pacific Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America in the operation of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.
8. That the Executive Committee study the money-raising methods used by the established Churches in the Synod and to encourage those not following the Board of American Missions principle of sacrificial giving to do so.
9. In the agenda for each convention of Synod the report of the examining committee concerning applicants to the Synod who have already been ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church; and the report of the Executive Committee concerning applications of Congregations for membership in Synod, be items of business early in the first session.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE

The report was adopted seriatim.

The Rev. Henry Scherer presented the following report:

REPORT OF CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Transportation of delegates to Synod	$1,610.03
Janitor service (sexton of St. Mark's Church)	15.00

Respectfully submitted,
THE REV. HENRY SCHERER

The revised report was adopted.

The Rev. J. Benner Weaver presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

Attendance at this Convention has been commendably high on the parts of both Clergy and lay delegates.

Excuses have been received from the following individuals: Rev. Edward D. Weight, Rev. Carl Miller, Rev. George Lovekamp, Rev. Guy Hudson, Rev. Lawrence C. Vosseler, Rev. Harman Lucas, Rev. J. C. Bitter, Rev. Homer Bosserman, Rev. R. W. Mottern, Rev. Daniel Snyder, Rev. J. E. Hoick, Rev. Delmar L. Dyreson, and Rev. George Spindt. These excuses have been accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES
GUY HUDSON, Chairman
ERWIN VOSSELER
J. BENNER WEAVER
HOWARD WEISSMAN
RALPH COLCLOUGH

The report was adopted.

The Rev. J. William Bowman presented the following report:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Mr. President:

The following letters and papers have been received during the meeting of Synod:

1. A letter from the Veterans Administration commending the work that Chaplain Elwood Schwenk, and Pastor Dwight L. Miley have been doing.

2. Letter received from the American Bible Society regarding possibility of an exhibit.
3. Telegram received from the Florida Synod sending their greetings to our convention. (Luther Thomas.)
4. Telegram received from The Synod Of Ohio in convention sending their greetings at this centennial observance. (E. Rudolph Walborn.)
5. Telegram received from Secretary Lutheran convention urging delegates to see exhibits at convention—headquarters.
6. Letter from Pastor George Spindt in Germany.
7. Letter from Student Jack Glidewell at Western Seminary in regard to his Call.
8. Letter received from Stuart S. Pratt asking that Christian Rural Overseas Program be presented to Pastors at the convention.
9. Letter received from Clifford E. Dahlin thanking Dr. Beasom for allowing time for Crop presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

THE REV. JOHN P. STUMP, Chairman
THE REV. J. WILLIAM BOWMAN
MR. GEORGE PONTIOUS
MR. EUGENE WICKSTROM

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the Rev. C. F. Crouser be allowed two minutes to speak on the work of the Synodical Lutheran League.

The invitations for the next convention extended by Trinity Church, Long Beach and St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Huntington Park, were referred to the Executive Committee for action.

The Rev. Charles A. Miley presented the following report:

COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The president's report is indicative of the tremendous progress our Synod has made in the five years that Dr. James P. Beasom has been full-time president. We express to him not only through his re-election to the office but also verbally our appreciation for his devoted and sacrificial stewardship in the office of president and thank God for his leadership. We further express to him our confidence in his leadership and our cooperation with him in the total work of Synod and promise him our prayers that God may continue to guide him and grant him strength for the discharge of the strenuous duties of his office.

After careful study of the report, this committee desires to present to the convention the following recommendations:

(1) Now that Synod has approved the president's recommendations for the forward program of the Church; namely, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Chey, we suggest that all congregations whole-heartedly support each aspect of this program.

(2) That Synod strongly urge all congregations to enter funding campaigns if they have not already done so to reduce debts and to accumulate funds for building and remodeling purposes as soon as possible.

(3) That Synod in convention officially express its gratitude to The Rev. Edward N. Spirer for his effective administration of the church extension program of Synod.

(4) That the name of Luther Memorial Church, Burbank, California which was inadvertently omitted in the list of Churches which have been constructed under the division of church extension be inserted.

(5) That Synod in order to save the physical strength of the president demand that he take at least a four week vacation this summer and preferably one for six weeks.

(6) That Synod consider seriously methods to reduce some of the non-essential activities and engagements of the president and demand that he abide by whatever suggestions are made in order that his strength may be conserved and his essential service enhanced.

(7) That the Chaplain of the convention be instructed to prepare a prayer of intercession for the health, faith, and wisdom of the president of Synod to be used before the close of the last session of the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. MILEY, Chairman
DONALD W. ENDTER
F. W. HEINECKEN
RICHARD MORGAN
GEORGE LOHMAN

The report was adopted.

The motion prevailed that the convention urge Pastor Spirer to consider seriously the challenge of the pressing need for his service by the Division of Church Extension.

The motion prevailed that we refer this to the Executive Committee to dispose of the matter as speedily as possible.

A gavel made from the wood of the old organ in St. Mark's Lutheran Church was presented to the Synod and the President of Synod was named the custodian.

The motion prevailed that the matter of Lay Readers be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The Minutes of the session were approved.

The Elected officers and members of the Elective Boards of Synod were installed into their office by the President of Synod.

The Convention was officially closed by the President of Synod using the prescribed order.

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR., D.D., President
PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the Minutes of the 58th Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California, May 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1949.

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—NORTHERN CONFERENCE

(For year beginning January 1, 1949)

CHURCH	Communing Members	Apportionment Per Month	Apportionment Total	*Lutheran World Action	Grand Total
1. Berkeley—St. Michael's	213	$ 142	$ 1704	$ 426	$ 2130
2. Fresno — First	245	163	1956	490	2446
3. Fresno—St. Paul's	145	97	1164	290	1454
4. Fresno — Wartburg	37	25	300	74	374
5. Honolulu — Honolulu	185	123	1476	370	1846
6. Lihue — Lihue	15	10	120	30	150
7. Oakland — First	264	176	2112	528	2640
8. Oakland—St. John's	102	68	816	204	1020
9. Reno, Nev.—Good Sheph'rd	80	53	636	160	796
10. Richmond — Grace	510	340	4080	1020	5100
11. Richmond—St. James	48	33	386	96	482
12. Sacramento—First English	261	174	2088	522	2610
13. Sacramento—St. John's	625	417	5004	1250	6254
14. Sacramento—St. Paul's	68	45	540	136	676
15. San Francisco—First Eng.	64	43	516	128	644
16. San Francisco—St. Mark's	400	267	3204	800	4004
17. San Francisco—St. Matt.	132	88	1056	264	1320
18. San Francisco—Temple	80	53	636	160	796
19. Sanger—St. Paul's	50	33	396	100	496
20. San Jose—Grace	139	87	1114	278	1392
21. San Mateo—St. Andrew's	131	87	1044	262	1306
22. Vallejo—St. Paul's	135	90	1080	270	1350
23. Yreka—Mt. Zion	35	23	276	70	346
Northern Conf. TOTAL	3964	2643	31,704	7928	39,632

APPORTIONMENT TABLE—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

(For year beginning January 1, 1949)

CHURCH	Communing Members	Apportionment Per Month	Apportionment Total	*Lutheran World Action	Grand Total
24. Alhambra — Grace	281	187	2244	562	2806
25. Altadena — Altadena	115	77	924	230	1154
26. Beverly Hills—Beverly Hills	210	140	1680	420	2100
27. Burbank—Luther Memorial	113	75	900	226	1126
28. Culver City—Grace	114	76	912	228	1140
29. El Monte—Redeemer	44	29	348	88	436
30. Gardena—St. John's	131	87	1044	262	1306
31. Glendale — First	981	662	7844	1962	9806
32. Hollywood — Hollywood	702	468	5616	1404	7020
33. Huntington Park—St. Luke	343	229	2748	686	3434
34. Inglewood—Holy Trinity	371	247	2964	742	3706
35.*La Canada—Foothills	84	56	672	168	840
36. Lakewood — Lakewood	58	39	468	116	584
37.*Las Vegas, Nev.—Reform	66	44	528	132	660
38. Long Beach—Faith	98	65	780	196	976
39. Long Beach—Trinity	484	323	3876	968	4844
40. Los Angeles—Advent	322	215	2580	644	3224
41. Los Angeles—Bethany	130	87	1044	260	1304
42. Los Angeles—First Eng.	700	467	5604	1400	7004
43. Los Angeles—St. Mark's	159	106	1272	318	1590
44. Los Angeles—St. Paul's	78	52	624	156	780
45. Los Angeles—Transfig.	68	45	540	136	676
46. No. Hollywood—St. Matt.	385	257	3084	770	3854
47. Pasadena — Trinity	390	260	3120	780	3900
48. Phoenix, Ariz.—Faith	221	147	1764	442	2206
49. Phoenix, Ariz.—Grace	740	493	5916	1480	7396
50. Pomona — Trinity	55	37	444	110	554
51. Redlands — First	105	70	840	210	1050
52. Riverside — Trinity	185	123	1476	370	1846
53. San Bernardino—First	239	159	1908	478	2386
54. San Diego—Christ	142	95	1140	284	1424
55. San Diego—First	330	220	2640	660	3300
56. San Diego—St. Peter's	60	40	480	120	600
57. Santa Barbara—Grace	127	85	1020	254	1274
58. Santa Monica—St. Paul's	363	242	2904	726	3630
59. Tucson, Ariz.—Our Saviour	273	182	2184	546	2730
60. Westwood — Village	98	65	780	196	976
61. Whittier — Salem	107	71	852	214	1066
Southern Conf. TOTAL	9472	6322	75,764	18,944	94,708
TOTALS FOR SYNOD	13,436	8965	107,468	26,872	134,340

*Please designate L.W.A. offerings when remitting to Treasurer of Synod.

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									14			15			16			
1	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	4609 Benvenue Ave.(Oakland)	Alameda	1	Vacant	E	344	42		287	22		213		8	1
2	Fresno	First	1917	630 Ferger Ave.	Fresno	2	Charles A. Miley	E	562	31		384	23		245	13		2
3	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	2122 Lotus Ave.	Fresno	2	August S. Claus	EG	530	2		442			145			3
4	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	561 "D" St.	Fresno	2	John C. Bitter	EG	214	1		178		1	37			4
5	Honolulu	Honolulu	1900	448 So. Beretania, Honolulu 43	Honolulu	1	H. Edward Hamme	E	408	59		267	21		185	41		5
6	Lihue	Lihue	1883	Lihue	Kauai	4	Everett J. Jensen	E	79	11		63	18		15	4		6
7	Oakland	First	1890	659 16th St. (Zone 12)	Alameda	1	Donald E. Wagner	E	462		48	331		47	264		41	7
8	Oakland	St. John's	1921	1820 55th Ave.	Alameda	1	Philip W. Bergstresser	E	261	13		166	2		102		10	8
9	Reno, Nevada	Good Shepherd	1947	Masonic Temple	Washoe	1	J. Edward Oslund	E	141	29		86	11		80	5		9
10	Richmond	Grace	1924	513 13th St.	Contra Costa	1	Milus W. Bonker	E	1018	244		599	125		510	95		10
11	Richmond	St. James	1946	1331 Panhandle Blvd.	Contra Costa	1	Fred H. Bartelt, Jr.	E	137	7		94	4		48	6		11
12	Sacramento	First English	1889	2910 39th St.	Sacramento	1	Paul H. Wolpert	E	549	34		376	24		261	3		12
13	Sacramento	St. John's	1867	1701 "L" St.	Sacramento	1	Robert S. Romeis	E	1151	112		777	70		625	62		13
14	Sacramento	St. Paul's	1945	2958 59th St.	Sacramento	1	T. A. Youngquist	E	158	46		82	20		68	17		14
15	San Francisco	First English	1886	380 18th Ave.	San Francisco	1	Dwight A. Miley	E	103	10		76	6		64	6		15
16	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell St.	San Francisco	1	J. George Dorn	E	1048	49		707	31		400			16
17	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1895	3281 16th St.	San Francisco	1	Herman Lucas	EG	393	11		243	5		132			17
18	San Francisco	Temple	1917	15 Latona St. (Zone 24)	San Francisco	1	Eldon R. Miller	E	198	30		147	17		80	8		18
19	Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1128 "N" St.	Fresno	4	Geo. H. Lovekamp	EG	135		6	138		6	50			19
20	San Jose	Grace	1892	59 East Julian St.	Santa Clara	2	Clarence F. Crouser	E	390	33		270	17		139		44	20
21	San Mateo	St. Andrew's	1944	El Camine Real at 15th Ave.	San Mateo	2	E. Dale Click	E	210	50		155	46		131	38		21
22	Vallejo	St. Paul's	1943	1300 Tuolumne St.	Solano	2	Glen O. Balsley	E	400	58		216	30		135		9	22
23	Yreka	Mt. Zion	1947	417 S. Oregon St.	Siskiyou	4	Kenneth Linton	E	91	14		63	7		35		5	23
	1948 Totals	Congregations 23					Pastors 36		8943	886	548	6147	499	54	3964	298	117	1948
	1947 Totals	Congregations 23					Pastors 34		8110	924	115	5702	540	136	3783	478	29	1947
	Increase						2		832			445		82	181		88	Inc.
	Decrease									38	494		91			180		Dec.

* New Congregation (1) 100,000 or over (2) 25,000 to 99,999 (3) 10,000 to 24,999 (4) 2,500 to 9,999

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Index Number	MEMBERSHIP			CHILD MEMBERS											ADULT MEMBERS										EDUCATION																		
				Accessions			Losses					Gain or Loss			Accessions					Losses					PARISH														HIGHER				
																									Sunday Schools					Weekday Schools			Children of Church										
	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	By Baptism 1	By Certificate 2	Total A	Trans. by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissal 6	Total B	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismissal 13	Total D	Number 17	Staff Members 18	In Sun. School 19	In Hme Dept. 20	Nursery Roll 21	Number 22	Teachers 23	Pupils 24	Leaders 25	Pupils 26	Number of Catechumens 27	In Lutheran Seminaries 28	In Lutheran Motherhouses 29	In Other Luth. Insts. 30	In Non-Luth. Insts. 31	Index Number
1	344	287	213	24	....	24	4	....	....	....	4	20	....	3	5	16	20	44	6	16	....	22	1	19	48	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	3	....	....	5	1
2	562	384	245	15	1	16	2	3	3	....	8	8	....	3	11	17	1	32	5	4	....	9	1	23	186	....	41	1	16	118	....	....	27	....	....	....	18	2
3	530	442	145	9	....	9	7	....	....	....	7	2	....	....	7	7	1	15	11	2	2	15	1	10	68	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	....	....	....	2	3
4	214	178	37	11	....	11	9	....	....	....	9	2	....	....	9	....	....	9	10	....	....	10	1	4	42	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	....	4
5	408	267	185	33	20	53	4	....	....	11	15	38	....	5	13	34	....	52	3	5	23	31	1	14	120	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	....	....	....	5	5
6	79	63	15	1	....	1	3	....	....	5	8	....	7	....	3	....	16	19	1	....	....	1	1	2	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	2	6
7	462	331	264	25	10	35	4	....	....	32	36	....	1	1	9	40	5	55	3	8	91	102	1	18	116	....	32	....	....	....	....	....	24	....	....	....	12	7
8	261	166	102	12	1	13	....	....	2	....	2	11	....	....	7	4	4	15	2	2	9	13	1	12	60	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	7	....	....	....	2	8
9	141	86	80	18	4	22	2	1	1	....	4	18	....	3	2	2	12	19	....	2	6	8	1	8	52	....	21	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	9
10	1018	599	510	76	46	122	....	....	3	....	3	119	....	15	58	61	45	179	5	9	40	54	1	31	275	....	129	1	10	100	....	....	73	....	....	2	13	10
11	137	94	48	5	1	6	....	....	3	....	3	3	....	....	4	2	2	8	1	2	1	4	1	7	64	....	18	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	....	2	11
12	549	376	261	30	5	35	10	....	9	6	25	10	....	8	21	9	4	42	2	7	9	18	1	17	136	....	53	1	14	172	....	....	29	....	....	1	7	12
13	1151	777	625	61	13	74	4	....	2	26	32	42	....	19	26	43	21	109	10	4	25	39	1	21	205	....	135	1	10	133	....	....	65	....	....	....	16	13
14	158	82	68	15	11	26	....	....	....	....	....	26	....	1	4	10	7	22	....	....	2	2	1	15	141	....	14	1	12	134	....	....	12	....	....	....	2	14
15	103	76	64	7	....	7	....	....	....	3	3	4	....	2	1	4	1	8	1	1	....	2	1	5	29	....	8	1	1	18	....	....	21	....	....	....	3	15
16	1048	707	400	30	7	37	3	1	10	5	19	18	....	9	22	31	31	93	14	18	30	62	1	15	125	....	100	....	....	....	....	....	65	....	....	....	25	16
17	303	243	132	12	4	16	6	1	....	3	10	6	....	2	6	4	2	14	4	....	5	9	1	8	78	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	....	....	1	14	17
18	198	147	80	28	4	32	6	....	....	13	19	13	....	1	15	9	3	28	1	....	10	11	1	7	100	....	8	....	....	....	....	....	16	....	....	....	2	18
19	185	138	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	2	....	6	1	5	40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	19
20	390	270	139	10	7	17	....	....	1	....	1	16	....	3	6	11	4	24	4	3	....	7	1	11	116	13	14	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	....	9	20
21	210	155	131	14	7	21	10	....	7	....	17	4	....	5	19	31	....	55	....	9	....	9	1	18	83	..	9	....	....	....	....	....	24	....	....	....	2	21
22	400	216	135	23	10	33	1	....	4	....	5	28	....	6	18	11	6	41	....	6	5	11	1	14	127	....	24	....	....	....	....	....	46	....	....	....	2	22
23	91	63	35	5	3	8	....	1	....	....	1	7	....	1	....	5	7	13	....	....	6	6	2	12	99	....	15	....	....	....	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	23*
1948	8,942	6,147	3,964	464	154	618	75	7	45	104	231	395	8	87	266	351	192	896	87	100	264	451	24	296	2,328	17	633	6	63	675	....	....	514	3	....	4	143	1948
1947	8,110	5,702	3,783	441	250	691	74	4	78	563	719	410	438	90	256	486	235	1,067	61	151	451	663	23	292	2,152	22	655	11	70	736	1	15	476	3	....	3	135	1947
Inc.	832	445	181	23	....	....	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	26	....	....	....	1	4	176	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	....	....	1	8	Inc.
Dec.	....	....	....	....	96	73	....	....	33	459	488	15	430	3	....	135	43	171	....	51	187	212	....	....	....	5	22	5	7	61	1	15	....	....	....	....	....	Dec

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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS								FINANCIAL																				Index Number
	Men's		Womn's		Mixed		Y. People		VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY							Congregational Expenses			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE										
																			UNAPPORTIONED						APPORTIONED				
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55		56	57	58	
1	1	26	2	55	2	56	1	22	20,000	15,500	7,500	2,225	...	45,225	7,190	5,284	1,817	7,101	150	30	...	127	912	1,219	1,105	1,764	2,983	10,084	1
2	1	37	2	65	...	...	1	28	13,500	4,500	4,000	...	5,123	27,123	695	6,995	1,905	8,900	236	57	...	300	1,190	1,783	1,160	1,864	3,647	12,547	2
3	...	...	2	106	...	...	1	18	8,000	5,000	5,000	...	...	18,000	...	4,980	500	5,480	...	...	...	...	518	518	725	782	1,300	6,780	3
4	...	...	1	38	...	...	...	...	7,000	...	...	...	...	7,000	...	2,360	250	2,610	...	...	...	...	104	104	185	300	404	3,014	4
5	1	32	1	43	1	30	1	12	60,000	19,967	30,000	36,085	3,148	149,920	...	9,227	1,382	10,609	...	...	...	226	777	1,003	720	1,315	2,318	12,927	5
6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,000	...	...	...	...	13,000	...	471	...	471	...	...	...	...	5,031	5,031	55	88	5,119	5,590	6
7	1	40	2	94	1	40	1	14	30,000	15,000	10,900	...	...	55,000	10,926	10,266	6,033	16,299	150	59	75	200	1,547	2,031	1,525	2,348	4,469	20,768	7
8	1	9	2	54	...	...	1	14	20,000	13,000	4,500	...	...	37,500	9,375	4,265	1,123	5,388	...	...	5	41	274	320	560	900	1,220	6,608	8
9	1	30	1	40	...	...	...	...	...	14,000	...	...	20,000	34,000	31,500	3,281	2,480	5,761	...	...	...	...	90	90	375	690	780	6,541	9
10	1	25	2	50	1	25	3	50	35,000	9,000	...	...	30,500	74,500	21,300	11,735	13,037	24,772	609	249	50	237	2,096	3,241	2,075	3,324	6,565	31,337	10
11	...	...	2	22	...	...	1	10	...	8,500	...	...	9,500	18,000	17,000	1,570	500	2,070	...	...	...	10	40	50	210	336	386	2,456	11
12	1	18	1	96	1	28	1	12	40,000	...	6,000	...	1,989	47,989	...	8,944	874	9,818	93	152	17	333	615	1,210	1,290	2,064	3,274	13,092	12
13	1	40	3	109	1	40	3	57	182,000	15,000	...	500	27,400	224,900	...	16,415	5,328	21,743	151	209	241	...	3,824	4,425	2,815	4,500	8,925	30,668	13
14	1	18	1	21	...	...	1	14	41,000	7,200	...	...	...	48,200	26,500	2,382	1,803	4,185	...	...	...	141	274	415	255	408	823	5,008	14
15	...	...	2	18	...	...	...	...	...	13,000	...	...	43,500	56,500	...	2,340	3,992	6,332	...	...	...	143	59	202	290	468	670	7,002	15
16	1	20	4	150	2	60	3	60	250,000	...	...	75,000	25,000	350,000	13,000	16,472	4,685	21,157	286	215	7	473	1,318	2,299	2,000	3,203	5,502	26,659	16
17	1	18	3	73	...	...	2	34	36,000	...	...	...	...	36,000	...	6,648	...	6,648	...	40	...	8	350	398	660	1,056	1,454	8,102	17
18	...	...	2	33	1	16	1	12	13,500	8,000	...	...	...	21,500	...	3,578	5,026	8,604	...	...	...	...	111	111	360	576	687	9,291	18
19	...	...	1	35	1	20	...	...	4,000	2,000	...	...	...	6,000	...	3,849	1,075	4,924	...	...	...	...	100	100	250	392	492	5,416	19
20	1	36	5	80	2	37	1	16	35,000	10,000	...	...	...	45,000	1,975	6,370	2,159	8,529	130	...	...	...	38	168	915	1,185	1,353	9,882	20
21	1	27	1	29	1	22	1	18	...	12,000	...	1,336	13,070	26,406	15,307	4,897	8,019	12,916	25	60	...	75	249	409	465	744	1,153	14,069	21
22	1	12	6	50	...	...	1	8	45,550	12,000	...	...	...	57,550	37,600	4,587	16,412	20,999	9	73	50	112	534	778	720	1,158	1,936	22,935	22
23	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	12,700	...	...	...	...	12,700	11,250	1,796	2,893	4,689	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	324	324	5,013	23
1948	15	388	47	1276	14	374	24	399	866,250	183,667	67,000	115,866	179,230	1,412,013	203,618	138,712	31,293	220,005	1839	1144	445	2426	20,051	25,905	18,915	29,879	55,784	275,789	1948
1947	13	327	39	1276	10	271	28	481	753,000	151,261	56,000	102,029	136,873	1,199,163	94,470	121,139	71,768	192,907	1612	1688	1142	7577	12,820	24,839	16,548	16,946	41,785	234,692	1947
Inc.	2	61	8	100	4	103	...	...	113,250	32,406	11,000	13,837	42,357	212,850	109,148	17,573	9,525	27,098	227	...	...	...	7,231	1,066	2,367	12,933	13,999	41,097	Inc.
Dec.	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	544	697	5151	...	...	...	...	...	...	Dec.

Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	ADDRESS: COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1947	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: CONFIRMED: Number of Members	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: COMMUNING: Number of Members	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
									14			15			16			
24	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 No. Atlantic Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Harold J. Lorimer	E	537		70	362		88	281		40	24
25	Altadena	Altadena	1944	197 West Foothill Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Howard A. Lenhardt	E	212	28		140	17		115	20		25
26	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive	Los Angeles	1	Guy L. Hudson	E	456		27	319		35	210		17	26
27	Burbank	Luther Memorial	1946	2401 N. Brighton Street	Los Angeles	2	L. A. Failing	E	224	12		159	4		113	11		27
28	Culver City	Grace	1945	4427 Overland Ave.	Los Angeles	3	Wm. Herbert Blough	E	253	46		155	30		114	34		28
29	El Monte	Redeemer	1947	809 E. Bryant Road	Los Angeles	2	Willis J. Forsyth	E	113	18		72	11		44		1	29
30	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 W. 163rd St.	Los Angeles	3	J. Emory Ackerman	E	249	23		169	10		131	8		30
31	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St.	Los Angeles	1	Carl V. Tambert	E	1404	98		1146	63		981	75		31
32	Hollywood	Hollywood	1921	1733 No. New Hampshire Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Vacant	E	1870	97		1270	37		702		170	32
33	Huntington Park	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave.	Los Angeles	2	Charles P. Smith	E	692	46		517	36		343	8		33
34	Inglewood	Holy Trinity	1941	9300 S. Crenshaw Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	J. Benner Weaver	E	618	127		424	95		371	71		34
*35	La Canada	Foothills	1948	1308 Salisbury Road	Los Angeles	4	John P. Stump	E	154	154		100	100		84	84		35*
36	Lakewood	Lakewood	1947	3806 San Anseline Ave.	Los Angeles	3	Louis F. Mertz	E	121	39		70	15		58	16		36
*37	Las Vegas, Nev.	Reformation	1948	110 N. Ninth Street	Las Vegas	3	Thomas J. Daly	E	118	118		86	86		66	66		37*
38	Long Beach	Faith	1945	3040 Santa Fe Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Paul C. Wharton	E	246	43		136	25		98	1		38
39	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	759 Linden Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Orval Awerkamp	E	954	146		693	116		484	70		39
40	Los Angeles	Advent	1886	1329 S. Alvarado St.	Los Angeles	1	Henry Scherer	E	443		45	356		2	322	11		40
41	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro St.	Los Angeles	1	Henry Irving Kohler	E	519		21	276	1		130		17	41
42	Los Angeles	First English	1887	3119 West Sixth St.	Los Angeles	1	Albert B. Schwertz	E	1431	93		1101	68		700	60		42
43	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place	Los Angeles	1	John B. Nield	E	350	10		290	2		159		14	43
44	Los Angeles	St. Paul's	1914	3010 Eagle St.	Los Angeles	1	Donald W. Endter	E	173	34		108	15		78		6	44
45	Los Angeles	Transfiguration	1947	8515 S. Rayford Dr.	Los Angeles	1	Franklin A. Swanson	E	197	35		112	4		68	6		45
46	North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	Los Angeles	1	Edward N. Spirer	E	906	85		532	55		385		21	46
47	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	997 E. Walnut St.	Los Angeles	1	H. Paul Romeis	E	759	34		556	18		390	40		47
48	Phoenix, Ariz.	Faith	1945	805 East Camelback Road	Maricopa	1	Frank H. Klutz	E	381	73		266	52		221	62		48
49	Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	1914	1124 North Third St.	Maricopa	1	H. C. Lindsay	E	1266	69		778	11		740	36		49
50	Pomona	Trinity	1947	737 So. Hamilton Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	J. Wm. Bowman	E	107	13		59	5		55	10		50
51	Redlands	First	1901	East Olive at Myrtle	San Bernardino	3	Paul E. Keck	E	193	17		141	7		105		1	51
52	Riverside	Trinity	1892	9th and Walnut Sts.	Riverside	2	F. W. Heinecken	E	366	55		274	34		185	5		52
53	San Bernardino	First	1907	631 G. Street	San Bernardino	1	Arthur W. Alm	E	602	10		378		20	239	26		53
54	San Diego	Christ	1947	4761 Cass St.	San Diego	1	Quentin P. Garman	E	258	95		160	50		142	46		54
55	San Diego	First	1888	1320 Second Ave.	San Diego	1	Erwin A. Vosseler	E	811	48		594	38		330	5		55
56	San Diego	St. Peter's	1946	1371 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.	San Diego	1	H. A. Anspach	E	185	61		97	38		60	20		56
57	Santa Barbara	Grace	1904	1109 Anacapa	Santa Barbara	2	George A Spindt	E	246	51		170	30		127	18		57
58	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	958 Lincoln Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Clifford B. Holand	E	963	77		551	12		363	14		58
59	Tucson, Ariz.	Our Saviour's	1945	Helen & Campbell	Pima	1	Titus R. Scholl	E	454	192		315	114		273	105		59
60	Westwood	Village	1937	343 Sepulveda Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	A. J. Soldan	E	162	16		127	11		98	2		60
61	Whittier	Salem	1946	236 S. Glengarry Ave.	Los Angeles	3	David E. Robison	E	196	53		143	45		107	37		61
	1948 Totals	Congregations 38					Pastors 66		19189	2116	163	13202	1255	145	9472	967	287	1948
	1947 Totals	Congregations 36					Pastors 62		17236	1993	266	12092	1244	202	8792	1403	52	1947
	Increase	2							1953	123		1110	11		680		235	Inc.
	Decrease						4				103			57		436		Dec.

(*) New Congregations (1) 100,000 or over (2) 25,000 to 99,999 (3) 10,000 to 24,999 (4) 2,500 to 9,999

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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS: Men's Number	Men's Members	Women's Number	Women's Members	Mixed Number	Mixed Members	Y.People Number	Y.People Members	FINANCIAL: VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY: Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE: UNAPPORTIONED: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	APPORTIONED: Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	Index Number
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55		56	57	58	
24	1	39	2	73	2	54	2	67	50,000	20,000			6,439	76,439	4,549	7,799	2,756	10,546	182	187	22	512	231	1,134	1,605	2,568	3,702	14,248	24
25	1	20	1	42			2	19		18,000			15,000	33,000	8,000	3,018	1,485	4,503				3	282	285	475	756	1,041	5,544	25
26	1	23	1	28			2	30	85,000					85,000	24,000	5,364	16,329	21,693		217				217	1,135	1,816	2,033	23,726	26
27			2	25	1	16			15,000	10,500			6,000	31,500	28,900	2,433	6,038	8,471					30	30	510	816	846	9,317	27
28	1	20	1	25			1	16	32,000					32,000	26,599	3,147	1,651	4,798	5	29	177		34	245	400	641	886	5,684	28
29	1	11	1	36	2	32				9,500	2,000		5,000	16,500	13,000	1,604	275	1,879					74	74	225	360	434	2,313	29
30	1	20	1	22			1	20	10,000		10,000			20,000	2,000	4,715	4,056	8,771		5		5	173	183	615	634	817	9,588	30
31	1	97	2	191	2	111	4	124	30,000	11,800	10,080		45,000	96,880		22,918	7,020	29,938	1229	1062	703	736	4,059	7,789	4,530	7,275	15,064	45,002	31
32	1	15	3	112	2	105	3	35	65,000		10,500		30,986	106,486		20,118	1,102	21,220	363	157	607	171	979	2,217	4,360	5,968	8,125	29,345	32
33	1	23	3	112	1	26	2	56	40,000				30,000	70,000		6,894	44,364	51,258	66	258		70	670	1,064	1,675	2,676	3,740	54,998	33
34	1	52	1	56	2	105	3	40	116,638					116,638	42,500	11,340	54,876	66,216					722	722	1,500	2,400	3,122	69,338	34
*35	1	15	1	30	1	35				12,500			4,750	17,250	15,639	2,770	1,321	4,091					61	61		301	362	4,453	35*
36	1	16	1	12						12,500			2,500	15,000	15,000	984	112	1,096	6	25	15	25	210	281	210	450	731	1,827	36
*37			1	16												323		323								14	14	337	37*
38	1	11	1	15			1	15	16,000	10,500				26,500	12,988	2,304	1,195	3,499		117			40	157	485	844	1,001	4,500	38
39	1	30	1	110	1	20	1	38	250,000					250,000		13,665	4,142	17,807				352	828	1,180	2,070	3,582	4,762	22,569	39
40	1	31	3	62	4	139	1	27	37,500	15,000				52,500	12,280	12,617	3,317	15,934	73	296	123	425	3,660	4,577	1,555	2,484	7,061	22,995	40
41	1	25	1	20			1	15	50,000					50,000		2,645	635	3,280	90			42	50	182	735	1,176	1,358	4,638	41
42	1	60	3	140	1	40	3	60	100,000	30,000		12,000	5,000	147,000		44,763	7,607	52,370	150	2018		1735	6,099	10,812	3,200	5,200	16,012	68,382	42
43	1	15	3	65					35,000					35,000		6,911		6,911		20	20		398	438	865	1,389	1,818	8,729	43
44	1	25	2	35			1	25	32,500	13,000				45,500	11,675	2,950	1,631	4,581		72			129	201	420	672	873	5,454	44
45			1	30	1	20	1	15	18,500	10,500	2,500		2,200	33,700	28,400	2,607	2,490	5,097	20			35	125	180	310	525	705	5,802	45
46	1	28	2	55	1	50	5	106	34,000	4,700				38,700		14,021	4,810	18,831		70	40	360	1,777	2,247	2,030	3,252	5,499	24,330	46
47	1	40	2	70	2	80	1	30	80,000	21,000			12,500	113,500	6,250	12,510	19,977	32,487	55	146	138	437	1,866	2,642	1,750	2,977	5,619	38,106	47
48			1	45	3	100	1	35	62,500	10,000			7,500	80,000	35,640	6,892	6,983	13,875	79	573	111	241	629	1,633	795	1,272	2,905	16,780	48
49	1	82	1	130	1	50	2	60	75,000	6,000		3,600	84,600	169,200	9,209	19,383	5,666	25,049	153	13	65	462	1,986	2,679	3,520	5,632	8,311	33,360	49
50			1	25					5,500	10,500			3,000	19,000	9,280	1,062	720	1,782					106	106	225	370	476	2,258	50
51			2	34	1	16	1	9	15,000	13,000				28,000	3,200	4,834		4,834				170	40	210	530	853	1,063	5,897	51
52	1	25	3	80	2	90	2	40	20,000	5,000	5,000			30,000		8,204	1,433	9,637	21				486	507	900	1,445	1,952	11,589	52
53			2	100	1	26	2	40	15,000	8,000				23,000	3,737	6,841	475	7,316		39	11	448	503	1,006	1,065	1,704	2,710	10,026	53
54	1	35	1	40			1	18	30,000	10,000				40,000	34,000	3,328	7,083	10,411	32	25	67	28	299	451	480	780	1,231	11,642	54
55	1	30	2	50			2	40	40,000	10,000	5,000		55,000	110,000	13,000	7,933	2,016	9,949	837	428		652	100	2,077	1,625	2,788	4,865	14,814	55
56			1	15					20,500	8,500				29,000	23,500	1,920	3,459	5,379					90	90	200	336	426	5,805	56
57	1	15	2	65	1	12	1	10	30,000	4,000				34,000	1,875	4,771	634	5,405	15	166	106	365	432	1,084	545	1,071	2,155	7,560	57
58			2	129	2	77	3	71	110,000		40,000			150,000	36,000	12,720	6,576	19,296	7	511	20	120	908	1,566	1,745	2,792	4,358	23,654	58
59	1	25	1	40	2	50	3	60	65,000	12,000				77,000	44,700	4,114	12,753	16,867	367	35	60	95	1,633	2,190	840	1,346	3,536	20,403	59
60			1	33					56,000				4,000	60,000	5,703	12,610		12,610							480	768	768	13,378	60
61			1	22			1	15	33,000					33,000	17,800	3,664	3,067	6,731		30		65	216	311	350	564	875	7,606	61
1948	27	828	61	2190	36	1254	54	1136	1,674,638	296,500	85,080	15,600	319,475	2,391,293	489,424	306,687	237,964	544,651	3690	6559	2285	7554	30,740	50,828	43,960	70,428	121,256	665,907	1948
1947	23	848	60	2072	31	932	52	1117	1,167,600	280,115	85,080	3,530	188,041	1,724,366	374,355	262,897	149,162	412,059	6958	8931	4562	12480	37,782	70,713	37,188	41,691	112,404	524,463	1947
Inc.	4		1	118	5	322	2	19	507,038	16,385		12,070	131,434	666,927	115,069	43,790	88,802	132,592							6,772	28,737	8,852	141,544	Inc.
Dec.		20																	3268	2372	2277	4926	7,042	19,885					Dec.

Index Number	MEMBERSHIP			CHILD MEMBERS										ADULT MEMBERS										EDUCATION															Index Number
				Accessions			Losses					Gain or Loss		Accessions					Losses					PARISH										HIGHER					
																								Sunday Schools					Weekday Schools			Children of Church							
	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	By Baptism 1	By Certificate 2	Total A	Trans. by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissl 6	Total B	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismissl 13	Total D	Number 17	Staff Membrs 18	In Sun. School 19	In Hme Dept. 20	Cradle Roll 21	Number 22	Teachers 23	Pupils 24	Leaders 25	Pupils 26	Number of Catechumens 27	In Lutheran Seminaries 28	In Lutheran Motherhouses 29	In Other Luth. Insts. 30	In Non-Luth. Insts. 31	
24	537	362	281	27	9	36	5	1	7	5	18	18	....	2	9	23	7	41	1	22	106	129	1	26	187	22	38	....	....	....	4	27	14	....	....	....	13	24
25	212	140	115	12	10	22	2	....	6	3	11	11	....	3	13	15	1	32	1	6	8	15	1	15	140	....	12	1	12	86	....	....	18	....	....	....	....	25
26	456	319	210	13	....	13	1	1	3	....	5	8	....	1	5	10	13	29	2	8	54	64	1	10	103	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	14	26
27	224	159	113	10	9	19	3	....	3	5	11	8	....	....	5	16	....	21	2	10	5	17	1	6	50	5	12	....	....	....	5	10	5	....	....	....	3	27
28	253	155	114	20	....	20	....	....	2	2	4	16	....	3	13	22	10	48	....	6	12	18	1	16	140	....	....	2	10	70	....	....	20	....	1	....	4	28
29	113	72	44	5	6	11	1	....	....	3	4	7	....	2	6	6	1	15	....	....	4	4	1	5	40	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	13	....	....	....	1	29
30	249	169	131	17	12	29	2	....	8	6	16	13	....	5	4	22	....	31	2	12	7	21	1	15	150	....	15	....	....	....	....	....	19	....	....	....	3	30
31	1,404	1,146	981	51	22	73	11	....	17	10	38	35	....	12	46	67	26	151	16	52	20	88	1	42	425	....	111	1	16	78	....	....	104	1	....	6	39	31
32	1,870	1,270	702	63	21	84	....	1	12	11	24	60	....	18	26	50	29	123	6	31	49	86	1	38	285	31	47	1	1	60	2	27	44	....	....	....	14	32
33	692	517	343	24	7	31	2	2	....	17	21	10	....	2	17	22	4	45	2	3	4	9	1	21	162	20	38	....	....	....	2	21	29	....	....	....	14	33
34	618	424	371	34	12	46	....	....	....	14	14	32	....	12	15	51	25	103	2	5	1	8	1	17	198	....	63	....	....	....	....	....	103	....	....	1	4	34
*35	154	100	84	10	47	57	....	....	3	....	3	54	....	....	1	48	56	105	....	5	....	5	1	10	68	....	15	....	....	....	....	....	23	....	....	1	1	35*
36	121	70	58	12	15	27	....	....	....	3	3	24	....	2	11	10	....	23	....	1	7	8	1	12	70	....	16	1	6	40	5	20	13	....	....	....	....	36
*37	118	86	66	13	24	37	....	1	....	4	5	32	....	18	13	53	3	92	2	....	4	6	1	6	32	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	51	....	....	....	....	37*
38	246	136	98	17	7	24	4	....	2	....	6	18	....	1	8	13	10	32	1	2	4	7	1	12	120	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	1	38
39	954	693	484	43	14	57	12	....	5	10	27	30	....	11	12	77	39	139	2	19	2	23	1	18	328	....	42	....	....	....	1	20	23	1	....	....	2	39
40	443	356	332	13	18	31	2	....	8	64	74	....	43	5	6	46	24	81	4	34	45	83	1	26	153	....	43	1	18	47	....	....	56	....	....	....	9	40
41	519	276	130	8	15	23	10	....	5	30	45	....	22	4	10	15	5	34	3	10	20	33	1	12	100	....	25	....	....	....	....	....	15	....	....	....	2	41
42	1,431	1,101	700	54	13	67	6	....	16	20	42	25	....	8	6	153	....	167	13	44	42	99	1	25	165	....	35	1	5	70	....	....	78	1	....	5	14	42
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44	173	108	78	10	9	19	....	....	....	....	....	19	....	6	3	12	....	21	1	5	....	6	1	2	20	....	35	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	1	44
45	197	112	68	42	4	46	2	....	5	8	15	31	....	9	16	10	....	35	....	7	24	31	1	10	130	....	21	....	....	....	....	....	25	....	....	....	3	45
46	906	532	385	36	20	56	11	....	7	8	26	30	....	11	25	31	28	95	2	17	21	40	1	23	325	....	60	1	4	92	2	18	36	....	....	1	4	46
47	759	556	390	27	7	34	4	....	4	10	18	16	....	1	4	23	20	48	4	7	19	30	1	20	282	....	69	....	....	....	....	....	25	....	....	....	20	47
48	381	266	221	14	35	49	3	....	7	18	28	21	....	....	6	52	24	82	1	8	21	30	1	46	335	8	19	....	....	....	....	....	35	....	....	3	11	48
49	1,266	778	740	70	40	110	15	2	11	24	52	58	....	7	40	146	....	193	5	40	137	183	1	40	450	62	82	....	....	....	....	....	79	....	....	....	26	49
50	107	59	55	2	6	8	....	....	....	....	....	8	....	1	4	10	....	15	....	10	....	10	1	8	35	....	12	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	2	50
51	193	141	105	10	2	12	....	....	....	2	2	10	....	1	6	5	....	12	2	....	3	5	1	9	38	....	17	....	....	....	....	....	10	....	....	....	4	51
52	366	274	185	10	11	21	....	....	....	....	....	21	....	2	22	28	....	52	2	2	14	18	1	15	90	3	30	1	3	30	....	....	30	....	....	....	5	52
53	602	378	239	31	11	42	4	....	3	5	12	30	....	3	6	24	4	37	4	3	50	57	1	20	100	....	25	....	....	....	3	35	48	....	....	....	5	53
54	258	160	142	41	6	47	1	....	....	1	2	45	....	11	40	15	....	66	1	5	10	16	1	18	234	....	22	....	....	....	....	....	51	....	....	....	3	54
55	811	594	330	43	3	46	2	.. 1	23	10	36	10	....	8	6	54	....	68	3	20	7	30	1	18	156	30	75	1	5	40	....	....	15	2	....	2	14	55
56	185	97	60	19	7	26	3	....	....	....	3	23	....	1	9	19	18	47	....	1	8	9	1	10	105	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	....	....	....	2	56
57	246	170	127	16	7	23	2	....	....	....	2	21	....	1	6	5	18	30	....	....	....	....	1	7	70	....	19	2	3	45	....	....	16	....	....	....	3	57
58	963	551	363	51	28	79	2	....	3	9	14	65	....	7	15	55	11	88	5	17	54	76	1	20	215	....	90	....	....	....	....	....	22	....	....	....	15	58
59	454	315	273	15	69	84	3	....	2	1	6	78	....	8	26	95	2	131	2	10	5	17	1	16	160	....	35	1	6	78	....	....	52	1	....	....	21	59
60	162	127	98	11	9	20	11	....	1	3	15	5	....	1	11	19	....	31	3	5	12	20	1	18	155	....	33	....	....	....	....	....	12	....	....	....	....	60
61	196	143	107	7	7	14	6	....	....	....	6	8	....	1	11	35	....	47	2	....	....	2	1	13	137	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	24	....	....	....	4	61
1948	19,189	13,202	9,472	907	544	1,451	130	9	163	206	608	908	65	158	487	1,367	379	2,421	100	432	779	1,311	38	657	6,018	181	176	14	89	736	24	178	1159	6	1	19	284	1948
1947	17,236	12,092	8,792	869	628	1,497	135	12	144	521	812	822	137	162	597	1,468	299	2,526	88	443	953	1,484	36	616	5,599	143	1018	14	105	741	25	200	1162	3	....	25	246	1947
Inc.	1,953	1,110	680	38	....	....	....	....	19	....	....	86	....	26	....	....	80	....	12	....	....	....	2	41	419	38	158	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	1	....	38	Inc.
Dec.	....	....	....	....	84	46	5	3	....	215	204	....	72	....	110	101	....	105	....	11	174	173	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	5	1	22	3	....	....	6	....	Dec.

PAROCHIAL REPORT—Continued

SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—Continued

Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION				COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1948	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members 14	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	CONFIRMED: Number of Members 15	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	COMMUNING: Number of Members 16	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
				Geographical Loc. of Church Bldg.				Total		Pastors											
				(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)														
	North. Conference	Congregations, 23		13	7	.....	3	23		34		8,942	886	54	6,147	500	53	3,964	298	117	
	South. Conference	Congregations, 38		20	11	6	1	38		62		19,189	2,116	163	13,202	1,255	145	9,472	967	287	
	1948 Totals.....	Congregations, 61		33	18	6	4	61		102		28,131	3,002	217	19,349	1,755	198	13,436	1,265	404	1948
	1947 Totals.....	Congregations, 59		33	18	5	3	59		96		25,346	2,917	814	17,794	1,784	338	12,575	1,881	81	1947
	Increase.....	Congregations, 2.		..	..	1	1	2		6		2,785	85	.....	1,555	.....	.....	861	616	323	Inc.
	Decrease	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....		.....	.....	597	.....	29	140	.....	.....	.....	Dec.

SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES, TABLE 1—Continued

Index Number	MEMBERSHIP: Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	CHILD MEMBERS — Accessions: By Baptism 1	By Certificate 2	Total A	Losses: Trans. by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissl 6	Total B	Gain or Loss: Net Gain	Net Loss	ADULT MEMBERS — Accessions: By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	Losses: By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismissl 13	Total D
No.	8,942	6,147	3,964	464	154	618	75	7	45	104	231	395	8	87	266	351	192	896	87	100	264	451
So.	19,189	13,202	9,472	907	544	1,451	130	9	163	306	608	908	65	188	487	1,367	379	2421	100	432	779	1,311
1948	28,131	19,348	13436	1371	698	2,069	205	16	208	410	839	1303	73	275	753	1,718	571	3317	187	532	1043	1,762
1947	25,346	17,794	12575	1310	878	2,188	209	16	222	1084	1531	1232	575	252	853	1,954	534	3593	149	594	1404	2,147
Inc.	2,785	1,555	861	61	....	.....	....	...	....	....	....	71	....	23	....	.....	37	.....	38	....	....	.....
Dec.	......	......	.....	....	180	119	4	..	14	674	692	....	502	....	100	236	.....	276	....	62	361	385

EDUCATION — PARISH — Sunday Schools: Number 17	Staff Members 18	In Sun. School 19	In Hme Dept. 20	Cradle Roll 21	Weekday Schools: Number 22	Teachrs 23	Pupils 24	Children of Church: Leaders 25	Pupils 26	Number of Catechumens 27	HIGHER: In Lutheran Seminaries 28	In Lutheran Motherhouses 29	In Other Luth. Insts. 30	In Non-Luth. Insts. 31	Index Number
24	296	2,328	17	633	6	63	675	....	....	514	3	....	4	143	No.
38	657	6,018	181	1176	14	89	736	24	178	1159	6	1	19	284	So.
62	953	8,346	198	1809	20	152	1411	24	178	1673	9	1	23	427	1948
59	908	7,751	165	1673	25	175	1477	26	215	1638	6	....	28	381	1947
3	45	595	33	136	....	....	....	....	....	35	3	1	....	46	Inc.
....	....	.....	....	....	5	23	66	2	37	....	....	....	5	....	Dec.

SUMMARY, TABLE 1—Continued

Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS — Men's: Number 32	Members 33	Womn's: Number 34	Members 35	Mixed: Number 36	Members 37	Y. People: Number 38	Members 39	FINANCIAL — VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY: Church Building 40	Parsonage 41	School and/or Parish House 42	Endowment 43	Other Property 44	Total Valuation 45	Indebtedness 46
No.	15	388	47	1276	14	374	24	399	866,250	183,667	67,000	115,866	179,230	1,412,013	203,618
So.	27	828	61	2190	36	1254	54	1136	1,674,638	296,500	85,080	15,600	319,475	2,391,293	489,424
1948	42	1216	108	3466	50	1628	78	1535	2,540,888	480,167	152,080	131,466	498,705	3,803,306	693,042
1947	36	1175	99	3248	41	1203	80	1598	1,920,600	431,376	141,080	105,559	324,914	2,923,529	468,825
Inc.	6	41	9	218	9	425	...	....	620,288	48,791	11,000	25,907	173,791	879,777	223,217
Dec.	...	....	...	....	...	....	2	63	....	....	....	....	....	....	....

Congregational Expenses: Current 47	Unusual 48	Total 49	CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE — UNAPPORTIONED: Education 50	Foreign Missions 51	American Missions 52	Social Missions 53	Other Benevolence 54	Total 55	APPORTIONED: Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid 56	Total Benevolence 57	Total Expenditures 58	Index Number
138,712	81,293	220,005	1839	1144	445	2426	20,051	25,905	18,915	29,879	55,784	275,789	No.
306,687	237,964	544,651	3690	6559	2285	7554	30,740	50,828	43,960	70,428	121,256	665,907	So.
445,399	319,257	764,656	5529	7703	2730	9980	50,791	76.733	62,875	100,307	177,040	941,696	1948
384,036	220,930	604,966	8570	10619	5704	20057	50,602	95,552	53,763	58,637	154,189	759,155	1947
61,363	98,327	159,690	.....	.....	....	.....	189	....	9,112	41,670	22,851	182,541	Inc.
....	....	....	3041	2916	2974	10077	....	18,819	....	....	....	....	Dec.

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Theme: "THE YEARS OF OUR THANKFULNESS"

FIRST SESSION

May 2, 1949, 7:45 P.M.

The Service of Holy Communion was conducted by The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert, Secretary of Synod. The Administrants were The Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D. and The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D. The Sermon was delivered by The Rev. Dr. James P. Beasom Jr., President of Synod.

May 3, 1949, 9:30 A.M.

The Fifty-Seventh Annual Convention was formally opened with the service conducted by the President, Mrs. P. J. Kramer.

The following Convention Committees were announced:

Nominations—Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Mrs. Chas. Miley, Mrs. E. D. Click.
President's Report—Mrs. Cornelia Taylor, Mrs. C. A. Cather.
Resolutions—Mrs. Robert Inslee, Mrs. F. L. Goodridge
Credentials—Mrs. H. M. Rist, Mrs. J. George Dorn.
Secretary's Findings—Mrs. Chas. Miley.
Claims—Mrs. H. E. Russell.

A gracious welcome was extended by Mrs. J. George Dorn, the Pastor's wife of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco. Dr. Dorn brought greetings also and presented Mrs. Kramer with a gavel to be used during convention which was made of wood from the first organ at St. Mark's.

The response was given by Mrs. Maynard Shoreen, past President of Southern Conference.

The offering of $67.50 was received and consecrated by Sister Adele. Mrs. Eldon Miller of Temple Lutheran Church, San Francisco was Convention soloist.

Mrs. Albert Schwertz presented the program and a motion prevailed that the printed program be the official agenda for this Convention.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. H. E. Russell.

The Secretary read the report of auditor Bernard L. Wahl. A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

The Statistician's, Historian's and President's reports were given by Miss Hjort, Mrs. Rohrback, and Mrs. Kramer, respectively.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT — 1947-1948

Members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of California:

Dear Co-Workers:

As we assemble in our 57th annual Convention, it is with gratitude to God for His loving kindness, tender mercies, and many blessings bestowed upon us the past year. We have been laborers together in extending Christ's Kingdom at home and throughout the world. We praise and thank God for the unfolding and growth of our W.M.S.

It has been a joyous experience to serve the W.M.S. of California as its President again during the past three years. It is in a sense of deep gratitude for the opportunity of service. Your cooperation and loyalty and understanding have made possible a most enriching experience always to cherish. We thank God for the accomplishments and ask His forgiveness for what we have neglected to do and pray His guidance and blessing in the years to come.

By the gracious will of God and the splendid cooperation of all officers, department secretaries and the whole synodical membership we have gone forward in the work and interest in the W.M.S. as will be expressed in the various reports at this convention. The membership of the Synodical W.M.S. has grown. Our membership is now 2,029 members, 77 societies, a gain of 200 members.

One of the great highlights in our California Synod the past year was the visit of our National President, Mrs. C. W. Baker, Jr. Last September, meetings in northern and southern Conferences were held which were most inspirational.

The activities of your President this past year were: Presidents' (Synodical) Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., last April, a mountain top experience; Four Foreign Mission Advance Conferences in San Francisco; Seven Missionary Interdenominational Institutes (served as President); two Conference meetings; Two Executive Board Meetings; several Committee Meetings with Bay Region Steering Committee for Unified Synod Meetings celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lutheranism on the Pacific Coast; three meetings of Council of Church Women of Northern California. Many individual societies were visited. Written several articles on California (W.M.S.) Synodical work, and hundreds of letters and cards. Have met several missionaries going or coming from the Orient. It was my privilege to have Sarah Tsui as my house guest for a week on her way back to China.

Before closing my report it is our hope and prayer that California Synod will reach its goal in thanks offering before the June quarter.

A passion for the Father's business plus the power of prayer will equal the needs of the Kingdom "Prayer is Progress"—progress without end. The only thing that can possibly limit us is our own failure to continue pressing on.

As we "go forward" into another year of activity under new leadership it is my sincere prayer that we may all be endowed with greater zeal for the cause of missions.

I desire to express my sincere appreciation for the hearty cooperation of all officers and department secretaries. Whatever progress we have shown is due to all working together under God's guidance giving to Him the praise and honor.

I submit the following recommendations for your considerations:

1. That we thank and praise Almighty God for His Blessings of the past year and implore His guidance and wisdom in the days ahead.
2. That in the crucial days we reconsecrate ourselves to the tremendous challenge and opportunity—for the Christian Church and support the whole program of the whole Church, especially Lutheran World Action.
3. That our Special of one dollar per member per year to be used for Home Mission Work and $300 to Roclay Bay.
4. Encourage more of our young men and women to enter full time of Christian Service.

5. Establish prayer groups in each society—that a permanent peace for the world may be effected, and for the furthering of the work in the W.M.S.
6. That we continue to send clothing to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to the needy in devastated areas.
7. To extend definite efforts toward deepening the spiritual life increasing Missionary Education and promoting the Missionary Program among the women of the Church.
8. May God's richest blessings be upon every member of the Women's Missionary Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. P. J. KRAMER, President

A motion prevailed that the President's report be accepted and that the recommendations be presented to the Committee on President's Report.

Announcements.

The following introductions were made:

Miss Louisa Miller, former Missionary to India.

Mrs. H. Cholz, former Missionary to China for 46 years.

Miss Maryanne Sung, student from China.

Dr. Thordeson, Missionary to Japan.

Miss Noda Diehl, Executive Secretary W.M.S., ULCA.

Mrs. C. W. Baker, Jr., President W.M.S., ULCA.

Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Hamme, Hawaiian Lutheran Church, presented flower leis to honor guests

An address was given by the President of Synod, The Rev. Dr. James P. Beasom Jr.

The Credentials Committee reported 159 delegates and 9 officers present.

Closing Collect.

A Hawaiian Luncheon was served by the Host Church with Mrs. C. W. Baker as guest speaker. At this occasion gifts totalling $5339.51 were brought by delegates from their respective churches for a new Missionary to Hawaii.

SECOND SESSION

May 3, 1949, 3:00 P.M.

The session was opened with the singing of the Hymn, "Beautiful Saviour."

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. D. J. Bach, UELC Missionary Society Leader, who spoke on "Trusting."

Thank Offering Rally—"The Years of our Thankfulness" in charge of Thank Offering Secretary Mrs. Henry Scherer. Soloist, Mrs. C. R. Stevenson. Thank Offering address was given by Miss Nona Diehl.

The offering of $150.00 was received and consecrated by Sister Adele.

Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Promotional Secretary, presented Certificates of Acceptance to the following eight new Societies:

Temple Lutheran Church, San Francisco

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redding

Church of the Epiphany, Ashland-San Leandro

Louisa Miller Society, Calif. Lutheran Home

Lutheran Church of the Foothills, La Canada

Our Saviour's Evangelical, Alhambra

Church of Good Shepherd, Reno, Nevada

Church of Reformation, Las Vegas, Nevada

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Mrs. Beasom as follows:

President	Mrs. Albert Schwertz
Vice-President	Mrs. Clarence Crouser
Secretary	Mrs. Maynard Shoreen
Treasurer	Mrs. H. E. Russell
Historian	Mrs. J. Gent
Statistician	Miss Helene Hjort
Archivist	Mrs. Wm. H. North

A motion prevailed that the report be accepted.

A motion prevailed that the nominations be closed and the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the Officers as nominated.

A few words on behalf of the California Home and Lutheran Welfare were spoken by Mrs. Lyon and Mrs. Frederick Smith, respectively.

Closing Collect.

THIRD SESSION

May 4, 1949, 9:30 A.M.

The session opened with the singing of the Convention Hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign." The worship service was conducted by Mrs. Lee Tollefson, Pres., W.M.S. California District, A.L.C., who chose "Thankfulness" as her topic, and Mrs. Daniel P. Martin, National Pres., W.M.S., Augustana Synod, who spoke on "Praying."

Announcements.

The offering of $50.74 was received and consecrated by Sister Adele.

A Missionary Workshop, capably conducted by Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Diehl, was very informative and interesting.

Mrs. Kraabel gave a few words in the interest of the National Lutheran Nurses' Guild.

A motion prevailed that due to the lateness of the hour, the Life and In Memoriam Shower previously scheduled for the morning session be given immediately following readjournment in the afternoon.

Closing Collect.

FOURTH SESSION

May 4, 1949, 1:30 P.M.

The fourth session opened with the singing of the Hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

The devotional service "Serving," was in charge of Mrs. A. T. Thompsen, W.M.S. Leader E.L.C.

An inspiring Life Membership Shower was given by the Chairman, Mrs. Harry Hahn. Thirty-seven new 100% families were presented with certificates. A total of 113 new members was reported.

The offering of $43.41 was received and consecrated by Sister Adele.

Miss Nona Diehl addressed the Convention, speaking on the Missions of India.

Rev. Garman spoke on behalf of Camp Yolijwa and urged young people to attend this summer.

Report of Convention Committees:

Report on President's Report by Mrs. Taylor.

A motion prevailed that the recommendations in the report be considered seriatim. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 was rejected and amended to read, "That the Synodical Special remain as it always has to be used whenever the need arises and where the Exec. Board sees fit." Items 4 through 8 were adopted.

The recommendations as a whole with amendment were adopted.

Mrs. Robert Inslee gave report of Resolutions Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

December 15, 1947 to December 15, 1948

Balance on hand December 15, 1947:

Deaconess fund	$ 114.15	
Triennial convention fund	3.10	
Congress travel fund	64.00	
Synodical Special	797.56	
Synodical Fee	791.93	
		$ 1,770.74

Receipts:

Associate Memberships	$ 15.50	
Bible Women and Scholarships	1,165.00	
California Lutheran Home	212.50	
Christmas Offerings	336.28	
Congress Travel fund	62.05	
Deaconess fund	148.00	
Designated Gifts	165.00	
General fund	2,117.75	
India Lace	450.89	
Lenten offerings	385.51	
Life Memberships and In Memoriams	1,880.00	
Thank-Offering (Triennial Emphasis)	6,176.57	
Triennial Convention fund	168.30	
Camp Yolijwa	1,285.11	
Special Aids	152.15	
Synodical Special	1,414.00	
Synodical Fee	729.84	
		$16,864.45
		$18,635.19

Disbursements:

To Miss A. Dorothy Drewes, National Treasurer	13,210.45	
Officers' Expenses	72.26	
Convention Expenses—National Officers	154.78	
Office Expenses—Printing, Stationery, etc.	117.92	
Expenses—Departmental Secretaries	33.06	
Camp Yolijwa	1,285.11	
Home Missions—First, San Fran., Yreka & Honolulu	1,500.00	
California Lutheran Home	212.50	
Lutheran Students Fellowship fund	3.00	
	$16,589.08	16,589.08
		$ 2,046.11

Balance on hand December 15, 1948:

Bible women	$ 50.00	
Deaconess fund	262.15	
Triennial convention fund	5.60	
Congress travel fund	126.05	
Synodical Special	458.56	
Synodical Fee	1143.75	
		$ 2,046.11

Mrs. H. E. Russell, Treasurer

The Women's Missionary Society
Synod of California

When to Send in Funds

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MARCH QUARTER—Treasurer's Books Close March 15th

General Fund.....10c per member per month
Triennial Convention Expense Fund.....10c per member per year
Lenten Offering.....Freewill
Triennial Emphasis—Thank Offering.....Freewill

JUNE QUARTER—Books Close June 15th

General Fund.....10c per member per month
Congress Travel Fund.....$1.00 or more per society per year
India Lace Travel Fund.....Freewill
Deaconess Fund.....$1.00 or more per society per year
Triennial Emphasis—Thank Offering.....Freewill

SEPTEMBER QUARTER—Books Close September 15th

General Fund.....10c per member per month
Synodical Fee.....35c per member per year
Synodical Special.....$1.00 or more per member per year
Box Work Money
Triennial Emphasis—Thank Offering.....Freewill

DECEMBER QUARTER—Books Close December 15th

General Fund.....10c per member per month
Christmas Offering.....Freewill
Thank Offering—Public Thank Offering Emphasis.....Freewill

ANY QUARTER

Scholarships	Calif. Lutheran Home	Bible Women
Life Memberships	Contribution	In Memoriams

Please send reports on proper forms with each remittance, and make checks payable to the Treasurer

Mrs. H. E. Russell
901 South 6th Street
Burbank, California

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, with grateful hearts, we acknowledge God's guidance in serving Him throughout this past year, and

WHEREAS, we humbly offer our thanks to Him for His manifold blessings,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT; we continue in the way of those who have laid the foundation for the work of the W.M.S. in California, and acknowledge the rich heritage of the century of progress of our Lutheran Church in the Far West, and

THAT, we express our appreciation to the Rev. J. George Dorn, D.D., and Mrs. Dorn of St. Mark's Lutheran Church for the opportunity of uniting in the celebration of their Centennial Anniversary, in their historic Church, and to the members of St. Mark's for their gracious hospitality, and

THAT, we express our appreciation to the First Unitarian Church, The Rev. C. C. S. Dutton, Minister, for the opportunity of convening in their house of worship, and

THAT, we express our most sincere appreciation to the Rev. J. P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., and the Centennial Committee for thir far-sightedess in planning for this history making convention and the opportunity given to the W.M.S. of participating in this effort of "Uniting for Christ," and

THAT, we express our humble appreciation for the inspiration of Dr. Franklin Clark Frey, and for his consecrated leadership, and

THAT, we express our most sincere appreciation and hearty thanks to Mrs. C. W. Baker, Jr., and to Miss Nona Diehl for their most inspirational messages and their workshop in preparing us for the work of the year ahead, and

THAT, we express our most sincere appreciation to Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Jr., who has so ably represented the California Synod W.M.S. on the Executive Board of the W.M.S. of the U.L.C.A., and for her untiring efforts in promoting new Societies throughout the Synod, and

THAT, we express our appreciation to Mrs. Daniel P. Martin, President of the Augustana Synod W.M.S. for her greeting to the Convention and to the representatives of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the American Lutheran Church for their devotions on "Years of our Thankfulness," and

THAT, we acknowledge the years of service of Miss Louisa Miller in India as she now takes up service in the Synod of California and the home fields, and

THAT, we express our appreciation to the Program Committee and those who so graciously took part in presenting these most interesting programs of inspiration and instruction, and that we acknowledge the presence of Pastor and Mrs. Hamme of Honolulu in high-lighting the success of the Ships for Hawaii project, and

THAT, we express our appreciation to Mrs. P. J. Kramer and the Executive Board who has worked with her during the past triennium in furthering the work of the W.M.S. and

THAT, we look to the past only as a guide for our work in the future and go forward in God's name to open new frontiers in the name of the Church as we UNITE FOR CHRIST.

MRS. ROBERT INSLEE, (Glendale), Chairman

A motion prevailed to accept report as a whole.

The Committee on Nominations recommended for National Board Member the name of Mrs. P. J. Kramer and Mrs. Clarence Crouser as alternate. These names were accepted by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Chas. Miley gave her report of Secretary's Findings.

A motion prevailed to accept the reports as a whole.

The Credentials Committee reported a final total of 287. Three Executive Officers, 13 pastors' wives, 11 Synodical Officers and Secretaries, 138 delegates and 122 visitors.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Russell, presented bills as follows:

Dept. Secretaries for year	$ 83.71
Officers' Expense	62.39
National Officers' Transportation	200.00
Hawaii Rep. Transportation	100.00
Officers' Conv. Expense	72.98
Misc. Conv. Expense	24.17
Total	$543.25

A motion prevailed that all bills be paid.

The names of the delegates to the National Convention at Grand Rapids were presented as follows:

Miss Helene Hjort, Mrs. P. J. Kramer and Mrs. Varblow as alternate from the Northern Conference. Mrs. Henry Scherer, Mrs. Robert Inslee, Mrs. Maynard Shoreen, and Mrs. H. E. Russell as alternate from the Southern Conference.

A motion prevailed that the other alternate needed from the South be elected by Southern Conference.

A motion prevailed that the nominees to National Convention be approved. A motion prevailed that the goal of one hundred percent (100%) Life Membership families be continued during 1949.

Mrs. C. W. Baker combined with her final address, "Witnessing," the installation of Officers.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to Mrs. Baker and Miss Diehl by Mrs. Crouser from the Convention.

With all repeating the Missionary Benediction, the President declared the Fifty-seventh Annual Convention of the W.M.S. of the Synod of California adjourned.

May 4, 1949, 3:30 P.M.

A joint Synodical Tea was held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church for all five Synodical bodies.

May 5, 1949, 11:00 A.M.

A joint Synodical Brunch was held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, San Francisco.

May 5, 1949, 7:00 P.M.

A joint Synodical Banquet was held at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco. The Master of Ceremonies was The Reverend Dr. Harold L. Yochum, President Capital University. An address, "We Have A Date With Destiny," was delivered by The Rev. Dr. Morris Wee, Executive Secretary, Lutheran Students Association, National Lutheran Council.

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	No. of Societies Organized Before June 30 of Last Year	No. of Societies Organized Since June 30 of Last Year	Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	Associate—Under 30 Years of Age	Associate—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Associate Membership	How Many Members Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	How Many Business and Professional Women?	No. of Society
	FOR CONFERENCE OR SYNODICAL USE	MEMBERSHIP								PERSONNEL OF SOCIETY			
	NORTHERN CONFERENCE												
1	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Women of the Church)	1		2	38	40					40		1
2	**Berkeley, St. Michaels, Wom. of Ch.—Schechl-Kramer Group	1		7	3	10					10		2
3	Fresno, First (Friendship Circle)	1			39	39					39		3
4	Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)	1		9	23	32					20	12	4
5	Honolulu Lutheran (Ladies Guild)	1			12	12		10	10		19	3	5
6	*Las Vegas, Reformotion Luth. Women of Church		1		16	16					16		6
7	Oakland, First (Women of the Church)	1		10	40	50					40	10	7
8	Oakland, St. John's (W. M. S.)	1			13	13		5	5		18		8
9	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			31	31					31		9
10	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Evening Group)	1		13	12	25					20	5	10
11	Richmond, St. James (Women of St. James)	1		2	10	12					12		11
12	*Reno, Good Shepherd Lutheran, The Shepherdess Circle		1		31	31					31		12
13	Sacramento, First (W. of Ch.)	1			25	25		15	15		35	5	13
14	Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)	1		6	26	32		3	3		23	12	14
15	Sacramento, St. John's (Mary E. Oehler)	1			19	19		1	1		20		15
16	Sacramento, St. Paul's (Pastor's Aid)	1		3	12	15		2	2		16	1	16
17	San Francisco, First English (Women's Guild)	1			12	12					12		17
18	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S. Day Group)	1			10	10					7	3	18
19	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S. Evening Group)	1		2	12	14					2	12	19
20	San Francisco, St. Matthew's (W. M. S.)	1			15	15					15		20
21	San Francisco, Temple (Women of the Church)		1	6	27	33					33		21
22	San Jose, Grace (Mission Women of the Church)	1		1	42	43		1	1		42	2	22
23	San Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of St. Andrew's)	1			18	18					18		23
24	Vallejo, St. Paul's (Guild)	1		10	40	50					40	10	24
25	Yreka, Mt. Zion (Women of the Church)	1			13	13					10	3	25
	TOTAL	22	3	71	539	610		37	37		569	78	
	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2												
26	Alhambra, Grace (Women of Grace Church)	1			23	23		2	2		25		26
27	*Alhambra, Lutheran Home, Louise Miller		1		20	20					20		27
28	Altadena, Altadena Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		4	24	28					24	4	28
29	Beverly Hills Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		5	25	30					30		29
30	Burbank, Luther Memorial (Women of the Church)	Temp.	Comb.										30
31	Burbank, Luther Memorial (Dorcas)	1		16	1	17	1	2	3	1	11	8	31
32	Culver City, Grace (Ladies of Grace Church)	1			30	30					30		32
33	El Monte, Redeemer	1			10	10					10		33
34	Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)	1			22	22					22		34
35	Glendale, First Lutheran (Wom. Council of Christian Missions)	1		1	100	101					101		35
36	Glendale, First (Business & Professional Group)	1			20	20						20	36
37	Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1			65	65					65		37
38	Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (F. M. Welty)	1		6	19	25	3	6	9		19	15	38

Statistical Report—Women's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1948—Table 1

	EDUCATION DIVISION									Promotion Division			DIVISION OF SPECIAL GIFTS					
	Mission Study				Week of Prayer			LWW	Mo. Pro.	Promotion		Pa. & Pro.	Th.-Off.	Special Aids		Life Mem.	In Memo.	
No. of Society	No. of Study Groups—No. American Missions	No. of Study Groups—World Missions	No. of Persons in Groups	No. of Persons Completing Reading Course	Did Your Society Observe the Lenten Week of Prayer and Self Denial?	No. of Meetings Held	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	How Many Magazine Subscriptions in Your Society?	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	Have You Distributed Missionary Literature the Past Year to Those Outside Your Own Society?	No. of New ACTIVE Members Since June 30 Last Year	Does your Soc. Have part in Patron and Protege Dept.	No. of Public Thank-Offering Services	No. of Boxes to North American Missions	No. of Boxes to World Missions	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year	No. Societies Using United Prog. Plan	No. of Society
NORTHERN CONFERENCE																		
1					YES	5	1	51	1	NO	5	YES	1		18		1	1
2								2							5		1	2
3								20	1	NO	6			4	5		1	3
4								10	1	YES	5			1	17		1	4
5					YES	1	1	10	1	YES		NO	1		31			5
6								1										6
7					YES	3	1	50	1			YES	1		7		1	7
8					YES	1		13	1		1	NO			46			8
9					YES	5	1	20	1			YES	1				1	9
10					YES	2	1	3	1		4	YES	1		12		1	10
11					YES	1					5			4	15		1	11
12																		12
13					YES	1		16	1		5	NO	1		13		1	13
14								8			6	NO	1	1	3			14
15					YES			13	1	YES	2	NO	1	1	2			15
16					YES	1				NO		NO	1	1	8		1	16
17								3	1	NO		NO	1				1	17
18					YES			8	1	YES		YES	1	9	6			18
19				5	YES	12		5	1	NO	2	NO	1	2	2			19
20		3	6		YES	2		2	1	YES	2		1		33			20
21								2	1	NO	33	NO					1	21
22					YES	5		25	1	NO	2	NO		2				22
23					YES	1		4	1		2	NO	1		18		1	23
24		1	60	15	YES	6		30	1	YES	10	NO	1		8		1	24
25								10			3			3	1		1	25
		4	66	20	16	46	5	305	19	6	93	5	15	28	250		15	
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2																		
26								20			2		1	12	59		1	26
27																		27
28	2	1	28		YES	3		12	YES		10		1		15		1	28
29		1	6	2	YES	1	1	25	YES	YES	2	NO	1				1	29
30																		30
31								10	YES	NO	2	NO			10		1	31
32								30	YES					6			1	32
33								10	YES			NO	1				1	33
34					YES	4	1	12	YES	NO	5	YES			1		1	34
35	2	3	40	20	YES	6	1	105	YES	YES	7	YES	1	2			1	35
36																		36
37		1	25		YES	3	1	60	YES	YES		YES	1	2	2		1	37

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	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—Continued												
39	Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Gospel Light)	1			20	20		4	4		23	1	39
40	Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Go Ye)	1		11	4	15		1	1		12	4	40
41	Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)	1			30	30					30		41
42	**La Canada, Evang. Luth. in Foothills, Women of Church	1		5	10	15					11	4	42
43	**Lakewood, Evangelical Lutheran, Women of Church	1		1	9	10		5	5		10	5	43
44	Long Beach, Faith (W. M. S.)	1			15	15					15		44
45	Long Beach, Trinity (Women of the Church)	1		21	89	110				2	85	23	45
46	Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)	1			32	32		4	4		32	4	46
47	Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas)	1		1	9	10		7	7		4	13	47
48	Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eta Sigma)	1		14		14				1	1	12	48
49	Los Angeles, Bethany (W. M. S.)	1		10	15	25				5	15	5	49
50	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			70	70					70		50
51	Los Angeles, First (Women of Church, Evening Group)	1		2	23	25					2	23	51
52	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (W. M. S.)	1			25	25					25		52
53	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Hearts)	1		6	14	20		1	1		11	10	53
54	Los Angeles. St. Paul's (W. M. S.)	1			10	10					9	1	54
55	Los Angeles, St. Paul's (Yowomis)	1		18	5	23	1	1	2	1	19	5	55
56	Los Angeles, Transfiguration (Women of the Church)	1		10	10	20					15	5	56
57	North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Mena Spirer)	1			24	24					24		57
58	North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)	1		1	26	27					23	4	58
59	Pasadena, Trinity (W. M. S.)	1		1	38	39					39		59
60	Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)	1		2	30	32	1		1		33		60
61	Phoenix, Grace (Women of the Church)	1			50	50					50		61
62	Pomona, Trinity (Women of the Church)	1		2	13	15					11	4	62
63	Redlands, First Lutheran (W. M. S.)	1		1	25	26					25	1	63
54	Redlands, First (Women's Guild)	1		4	6	10					7	3	64
65	Riverside, Trinity (Womens' Mission Guild)	1			14	14		2	2		15	1	65
66	Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)	1		15	6	21		2	2	1	17	5	66
67	San Bernardino, First Women of Church	1			30	30					30		67
68	San Bernardino, First Young Women of Church	1		15		15					1	14	68
69	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			27	27					26	1	69
70	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)	1		3	11	14					13	1	70
71	San Diego. (Ocean Beach) St. Peter's by the Sea (Wom. of Ch.)	1		4	11	15					15		71
72	San Diego, Christ Lutheran (Pacific Beach)	1		10	15	25					25		72
73	Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)	1		1	29	30	1	3	4		34		73
74	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Dorcas Society)	1			37	37		3	3		27	10	74
75	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Mission Soc.)	1			60	60					60	3	75
76	Tucson, Our Saviour's (Women of the Church)	1		7	18	25					15	10	76
77	West Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)	1			14	14		10	10		24		77
77	Westwood Village (Mission Guild)	1			20	20					20		78
	TOTAL SOUTHERN CONFERENCE	51	1	197	1253	1450	7	53	60	11	1280	219	
	GRAND TOTAL BOTH CONFERENCES	73	4	268	1792	2960	7	90	97	11	1849	297	

Statistical Report—Women's Missionary Society of the Southern Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1948—Table 2—Continued

	EDUCATION DIVISION									Promotion Division			DIVISION OF SPECIAL GIFTS					
	Mission Study				Week of Prayer			LWW	Mo. Pro.	Promotion		Pa. & Pro.	Th.-Off.	Special Aids		Life Mem.	In Memo.	
No. of Society	No. of Study Groups—No. American Missions	No. of Study Groups—World Missions	No. of Persons in Groups	No. of Persons Completing Reading Course	Did Your Society Observe the Lenten Week of Prayer and Self Denial?	No. of Meetings Held	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	How Many Magazine Subscriptions in Your Society?	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	Have You Distributed Missionary Literature the Past Year to Those Outside Your Own Society?	No. of New ACTIVE Members Since June 30 Last Year	Does your Soc. Have part in Patron and Protege Dept.	No. of Public Thank-Offering Services	No. of Boxes to North American Missions	No. of Boxes to World Missions	No. Given Since June 30 Last Year	No. Societies Using United Prog. Plan	No. of Society
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—Continued																		
39		1		15	1	1	1	24	YES	YES	3	NO		1				39
40					1	2	1	15	YES	NO		NO	1	1	1			40
41								6	YES		5	NO	1	2	25		1	41
42								10	YES		5	NO					1	42
43					1	6	1	12	YES	YES	2	NO	1		10			43
44								3	YES		5		1		1		1	44
45					1	1	1	102	YES	NO	10	YES	1	1	30		1	45
46		2	40	8	1	3	1	36	YES	YES		YES	1	5	133		1	46
47								2			3			1	10			47
48											7			1	6			48
49	1	1	8					8	YES	YES	5	YES			15		1	49
50		1		20	1	3	1	60	YES	YES		YES	1	4	5		1	50
51													1	1				51
52					1			15	YES		2		1	1	4			52
53								9	YES	NO	1	NO		1	1		1	53
54								10	YES		2		1		2			54
55											7				13			55
56								3						1	3		1	56
57								25	YES			YES	1	2	14			57
58								27	YES		3	NO	1		22			58
59					1	1	1	25	YES	YES			1		32		1	59
60					1		1	20	YES		4	YES	1				1	60
61					1	3		14	YES	YES	10		1		3		1	61
62					1		1	17	YES	YES	2		1		1		1	62
63		1	13		1	1	1	10	YES		3		1	1	9		1	63
64								5			4	NO		1			1	64
65								10	YES	YES	1				4			65
66	1	1	21		1	2	1	7	YES		5		1	2	1			66
67	2	1	12	10	1	4	1	15	YES	YES	5	NO	1	2	29		1	67
68							1		YES		3		1		1		1	68
69	1		16		1	5	1	20	YES		3	YES	1	2	16		1	69
70							1	12	YES		2	NO	1	1	2			70
71								4	YES		5	NO	1				1	71
72								25	YES		5		1		28		1	72
73								12	YES	YES	7	NO	1	1	13		1	73
74	1		10					31	YES		14	NO	1	4				74
75								10			9		1		21			75
76								12	YES		5		1	5	3		1	76
77					1	1									30		1	77
78								7	YES	YES	2		1		4		1	78

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC. 15, 1947 TO DEC. 15, 1948—Table 1

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY		Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	California Lutheran Home	Christmas Offering	Congress Fund	Deaconess Fund	No. of Society
1	Alhambra (Women of Grace Church)	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	1
2	Altadena (Women of the Church)								2
3	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Women of the Church			10.00			1.00	1.00	3
4	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Scheel-Kramer)						1.00	1.00	4
5	Beverly Hills (Women of the Church)				10.00	6.25	1.00	1.00	5
6	Burbank, Luther Memorial (Dorcas						1.00		6
7	Culver City (Women of Grace Church)						1.00	2.00	7
8	El Monte, Redeemer, Women of the Church								8
9	Fresno First (Women of the Church, Friendship Circle)					22.00	1.00	1.00	9
10	Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)5		1.00				1.00	2.50	10
11	Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)			25.00		5.00	1.00	5.00	11
12	Glendale, First (Womens Council of Christian Missions)			170.00	20.00	45.30	1.00	20.00	12
13	Glendale, First (Business and Professional Group)								13
14	Hollywood (Women of the Church)			50.00	50.00	10.00	1.00	2.00	14
15	Hollywood (Florence M. Welty)						1.00	1.00	15
16	Honolulu, (Ladies' Guild & Missionary Society)								16
17	Huntington Park, St. Lukes (Gospel Light)		3.00		12.00		1.00	1.00	17
18	Huntington Park, St. Lukes (Go Ye's)		1.00			5.00	1.00	1.00	18
19	Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)			50.00			1.00	1.00	19
20	La Canada, Women of the Church								20
21	Lakewood, Women of the Church								21
22	Long Beach, Faith (Women of the Church								22
23	Long Beach, Trinity (W. M. S.)			200.00		39.38	1.00	5.00	23
24	Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)			120.00		20.52	1.00	5.00	24
25	Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas)				5.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	25
26	Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eta Sigma)					3.50	1.00	1.00	26
27	Los Angeles, Bethany (W. M. S.)					2.00	1.00	1.00	27
28	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)			100.00		10.00	2.00	5.00	28
29	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)								29
30	Los Angeles, St. Marks (W. M. S.)					16.50	2.00	2.00	30
31	Los Angeles, St. Marks (Loving Hearts)			50.00			1.00	5.00	31
32	Los Angeles, St. Pauls (Women of the Church)					1.00			32
33	Los Angeles, St. Paul's, Yowyomis								33
34	Los Angeles, Transfiguration, Dorcas								34
35	North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Mena Spirer)			5.00		10.00	1.00	5.00	35
36	North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Faith)					5.00	1.00	10.00	36
37	Oakland, First (Women of the Church)			50.00		15.00	5.00	5.00	37
38	Oakland, St. John's (W. M. S.)					6.75	1.00	1.00	38

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC. 15, 1947 TO DEC. 15, 1948—Table 2

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	Annuity Bonds	Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	California Lutheran Home	Christmas Offering	Congress Fund	Deaconess Fund	No. of Society
39	Pasadena, Trinity (W. M. S.)		1.50				2.00	5.00	39
40	Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)			50.00	50.00	5.00	1.00	2.00	40
41	Phoenix, Grace (Women of the Church)						1.00	5.00	41
42	Pomona, Trinity (W. M. S.)								42
43	Redlands, First (W. M. S.)					3.00	1.00	1.00	43
44	Redlands, First, Woman's Guild								44
45	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, day Group)			80.00		5.00	1.00	1.00	45
46	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Evening Group)			75.00		2.65	3.00	2.00	46
47	Richmond, St. James' (Women of the Church)					5.00			47
48	Riverside, Trinity (Women's Missionary Guild)				10.00		1.00	1.00	48
49	Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)					5.29	1.00	2.00	49
50	Sacramento, First (Women of the Church					6.30			50
51	Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)		3.00			9.22	1.00	15.00	51
52	Sacramento, St. John's (Mary E. Oehler)		1.00			4.10	1.00	7.00	52
53	Sacramento, St. Paul's (Women of the Church)						1.00		53
54	San Bernardino, First (M. L. S.)					10.00	1.00	1.00	54
55	San Bernardino, First (E. L. A.)					5.00			55
56	San Diego, Christs (Pac. Beach - Women of the Church)				13.00				56
57	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)			130.00			1.00	1.00	57
58	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)						1.00	2.50	58
59	San Diego, St. Peter's by the Sea (Women of the Church)				20.00				59
60	San Francisco, First (Women's Guild)					5.00	1.00	1.00	60
61	San Francisco, St. Matthew's (W. M. S.)						1.00	1.00	61
62	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S. Day Group)				5.00		1.00	1.00	62
63	San Francisco, St. Marks (Eve. Group)								63
64	San Jose, Grace (Women of the Church)		2.00		7.50	5.00	2.05	3.00	64
65	San Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of the Church)						1.00		65
66	Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)					5.00	1.00		66
67	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Miss.)		3.00			15.00	1.00	5.00	67
68	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Dorcas)								68
69	Tucson, Our Saviours (Women of the Church)				10.00		1.00	1.00	69
70	Vallejo, St. Paul's (Lutheran Guild)					17.52	1.00		70
71	Westwood, Village Church (Miss. Guild)								71
72	Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)								72
73	Yreka, Mt. Zion, Women of the Church								73
74	Congress of Southern Conference								74
75	Northern Conference								75
76	W. M. S. Synod of California								76
	TOTALS		$15.50	$1165.00	$212.50	$336.28	$62.05	148.00	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC. 15, 1947, TO DEC. 15, 1948—Table 1—Continued

No. of Society	Designated Gifts	General Fund	India Lace Offering	Lenten Offering	Life Memberships In-Memoriams	Thank Offering Tri-Emphasis	Tri-cennial Convention Expense Fund	Camp Yolijwa	Special Aids	Synodical Special	Synodical Fee	TOTALS	No. of Society
1	$	$ 16.10	$	$	$ 10.00	$ 26.84	$ 2.30	$ 11.00	$	$ 23.00	$ 8.05	$ 102.29	1
2		31.20						5.00				36.20	2
3		48.00	4.35		50.00	90.56	4·00	12.00	10.00	40.00	14.00	284.91	3
4		10.50			10 00	21.20					5.25	48.95	4
5	50.00	38.40		10.00	40.00	58.89	3.00	15.00		30.00	10.50	274.04	5
6		16.20					1.80	10.00			2.60	31.60	6
7		30.00				28.05	2.50	15.00			8.75	87.30	7
8						2.50		9.00				11.50	8
9		42.00			20.00	132.87	3.10	12.00		37.00	12.95	283.92	9
10		39.30				128.30	2.50			27.00	9.45	211.05	10
11		26.40		6.05	20.00	37.37	2.20			22.00	7.70	157.72	11
12		126.00	45.00	24.30	235.00	496.87	10.50	53.00		105.00	36.75	1388.72	12
13		12.00					2.00					14.00	13
14		78.00	20.00	6.64	80.00	400.00	6.50	115.00	25.00	65.00	22.75	931.89	14
15		37.20	20.00		20.00	77.24	3.10			31.00	7.75	198.29	15
16		12.00			10.00		1.00				3.50	26.50	16
17		18.30	5.00	13.85	10.00	77.40	1.90	52.00		21.00	7.35	223.80	17
18		18.90	5.00	5.44			1.70			15.00	5.25	59.29	18
19		30.00			50.00	79.22	2.50	25.00		1.00	8.75	248.47	19
20								9.00				9.60	20
21		4.00				25.35		6.00			3.50	38.85	21
22		18.00			10.00	10.65		5.00				43.65	22
23		120.00			90.00	338.62	10.00	37.00		110.00	35.00	986.00	23
24		42.00	9.00	35.89	40.00	193.94	3.70	43.00		34.00	12.25	560.30	24
25		16.20	5.42		20.00	52.71	1.20	15.00		16.00	4.55	144.08	25
26		9.60		5.00	30.00	46.00	.80	15.00				111.90	26
27		14.10	2.00	2.00			1.20	18.00		10.00	3.50	54.80	27
28		84.00	34.55	18.55	300.00	721.42	7.00	148.00		70.00	24.50	1525.02	28
29		30.00			10.00	119.10	2.50	5.00	10.00	25.00	6.25	207.85	29
30		32.40	2.00	15.00	40.00	105.25	2.70	92.00		25.00	8.75	343.60	30
31		24.90			20.00	92.31	2.30				7.00	202.51	31
32		13.20	2.62		35.00	34.64	1.10	40.50		11.00	3.85	142.91	32
33		19.20	2.62			7.88	1.60				5.60	36.90	33
34		6.00				61.58	2.00	9.00				78.58	34
35		27.30	5.00	5.00	10.00	159.72	2.50	21.00		34.00	8.40	293.92	35
36		32.10	5.00	5.00	30.00	121.61	2.70			27.00	9.45	248.86	36
37		60.00	55.00	15.00	75.00	137.45	5.00		20.00	50.00	17.50	509.95	37
38		19.80		13.00	20.00	13.85	1.80	10.00				87.20	38

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC. 15, 1947 TO DEC. 15, 1948—Table 2—Cont'd.

No. of Society	Designated Gifts	General Fund	India Lace Offering	Lenten Offering	Life Memberships In-Memoriams	Thank Offering (Tri-Emphasis)	Tri-ennial Conven. Expense Fund	Camp Yoliwa	Special Aids	Synodical Special	Synodical Fee	TOTALS	No. of Society
39		35.70	50.00	11.40	40.00	11.65	3.80	104.00		15.00	14.35	294.40	39
40		30.00	11.00	9.75	10.00	160.15	2.50	5.00		25.00	8.75	370.15	40
41		60.00	15.00	25.00	10.00	117.00	5.00	25.00		25.00	17.50	305.50	41
42		15.30			10.00	47.31	2.10			17.00	1.05	92.76	42
43		29.50	4.00	10.00		58.70	2.50	10.00	5.00	23.00	9.00	156.70	43
44		9.90				14.03	1.10					25.03	44
45		48.00	8.59	8.05	10.00	128.91	4.00			40.00	14.00	348.55	45
46		34.50	6.10	7.96	10.00	123.43	2.00			25.00	8.75	300.39	46
47		8.40					.70	5.00			2.45	21.55	47
48		18.35	6.50	4.00	10 00	62.80		25.00		12.00	4.90	155.55	48
49		25.20	4.00	5.24	10.00	38.36	2.10	10.00		21.00	7.35	131.54	49
50		7.50			10.00	58.65						82.45	50
51		36.00	12.50	8.58	85.00	102.48	3.00		15.00	30.00	10.50	331.28	51
52	100.00	20.70	12.50	7.00	40.00	40.30	1.70		11·50	16.00	5.60	268.40	52
53		18.00				24.76	1.50				5.25	50.51	53
54		36.00	27.65	8.28	20.00	65.97	3.00	14 00		30.00	10.50	227.40	54
55		15.60				9.25						29.85	55
56		12.00			20.00	45.40	2.00	30.00			1.00	123.40	56
57		27.00	9.65	35.13	10.00	108.54	3.00	32.00	20.00	30.00	10.50	417.82	57
58		14.10	9.50	19.25	20.00	53.60	1.60		7.65	15.00	5.25	149.45	58
59		17.50	2.00		10.00	58.02	2.00	5.00		10.00	7.00	131.52	59
60		14.40	5.00			38.04	1.20			12.00	4.20	81.84	60
61		25.00			10.00	25.00						62.00	61
62	10.00	23.40	7.14	4.35	15.00		2.60			26.00	9.10	104.59	62
63					55.00							55.00	63
64		49.50	7.25	6.10	20.00	155.00		20.00	3.00	29.00	14.35	323.75	64
65		24.00				67.47	1.40	22.00			5.60	121.47	65
66		36.00	5.00		40.00	87.54	3.00	10.00	5.00	30.00	10.50	234.04	66
67	5.00	66.00	10.00	5.00	50.00	139.60	5.50	79.00	10.00	70.00	19.25	483.35	67
68		35.10				37.80	3.90				12.85	89.65	68
69		26.40			60.00	130.51	2.20	6.00	5.00	22.00	7.70	271.81	69
70		60.00	14.95	29.70	10.00	75.00	5.00	17.00	5.00	50.00	17.50	303.67	70
71		12.00						5.00				17.00	71
72		14.40			10.00	36.26	1.20	17.00		12.00	4.20	95.06	72
73		9.00									3.50	12.50	73
74								33.61				33.61	74
75						40.35						40.35	75
76						115.30		3.00			155.94	274.24	76
	$165.00	$2117.75	$450.89	$385.51	$1880.00	$6176.57	$168.30	$1285.11	$152.15	$1414.00	$729.84	$16864.45	

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Ackerman, J. Emory	1944	1944	S	8320 S. Rayford Dr., Los Angeles 45	Tranfiguration	Joseph G. Beerer	500 Virginia St., El Segundo, Calif.
Alm, Albert	1942	1943	S	832 Marshall St., San Bernardino	First English	H. B. Lewis	3132 D St., San Bernardino
Alsop, Albert	1945	1945	S	Roca 259 Azul, F.C.S. PC1A, Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A.	Overseas Mission Field		
Allport, Thomas A.	1994	1950	N	Lihue, Kauai, T.H.	Lihue Lutheran Church		
Anspach, Howard A., D.D.	1913	1930	S	1111 Anacapa St., Santa Barbara	Grace (supply)	Mrs. Philip Webster	2239 Edgewater Way, Santa Barbara
Awerkamp, Orval A.	1935	1935	S	4722 Vista Ave., Long Beach 14	Trinity	H. P. Jensen	Atlantic Blvd., Long Beach
Balsley, Glen O.	1945	1947	N	1309 Tuolumne St., Vallejo	St. Paul's	David L. Boydston	208 Holly St., Vallejo
Bartelt, Frederick H.	1946	1947	S	1122 W. 36th Pl., Los Angeles 7	St. Mark's	W. E. Lebold	893 W. 40th Pl., Los Angeles 37
Beasom, James P., Jr., D.D.	1923	1937	S	3119 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles 5	President of Synod		
Benko, Vlad P.	1945	1949	S	4668 Tivoli St., San Diego	St. Peter's	Miss Eleanor Pinkley	4205 Del Mar, San Diego 7
Bergstresser, Philip W.	1944	1944	N	1824 55th Ave., Oakland	St. John's	Mrs. Fred Goodridge	2230 47th Ave., Oakland
Bitter, John C.	1917	1923	N	603 E St., Fresno 1	Wartburg		
Blough, Wm. H.	1928	1949	S	4427 Overland Ave., Culver City	Grace	Ed. L. Petersen	10830 Pickford Way, Culver City
Bonker, Milus W.	1945	1945	N	513 13th St., Richmond	Grace	Francis L. Achi Sr.	R.F.D. Box 1685, Richmond
Bowman, J. William	1948	1949	S	1162 N. Huntington Blvd., Pomona	Trinity	Vernon M. Weigand	1095 E. Phillips Blvd., Pomona
Claus, August S.	1943	1943	N	2112 Lotus Ave., Fresno 2	St. Paul's	George Schneider	Rt. 3, Box 418, Fresno
Click, E. Dale	1944	1944	N	643 28th Ave., San Mateo	St. Andrew's	Carl E. Cohenour	320 23rd Ave., San Mateo
Clutz, Frank H.	1931	1949	S	805 E. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, Ariz.	Faith	James P. Vance	5151 N. 12th St., Phoenix, Arizona
Crouser, Clarence F.	1930	1930	N	187 N. Tenth St., San Jose	Grace	Frank P. Reiter	2106 Sunny Vista Dr., San Jose
Daly, Thomas J.	1948	1948	S	245 N. 20th St., Las Vegas, Nev.	Reformation	Arthur L. Borchers	926 S. 3rd St., Las Vegas, Nevada
Dorn, J. George, D.D.	1915	1927	N	1135 O'Farrell St., San Francisco 9	St. Mark's	S. O. Thorlaksson	1152 Laurel St., Berkeley 8
Endter, Donald W.	1945	1945	S	3108 Via Corona, Montebello	St. Paul's	Calvin Thompson	816 Milwaukee, Los Angeles 42
Failing, L. A.	1934	1946	S	1627 N. Landis St., Burbank	Luther Memorial	Emil Wickenhoefer	1440 N. Myers, Burbank
Fellner, M. John	1948	1949	S	2064 5th St., San Fernando	St. Mark's	Carl B. Mortens	7930 Norwich, Van Nuys, Calif.
Forsyth, Willis J.	1946	1946	S	809 E. Bryant Rd., El Monte	Redeemer	C. H. Lefler	811 Hemlock, El Monte, Calif.
Garman, Quentin P.	1944	1947	S	1368 Law St., San Diego 9	Christ	Elton G. Hobbs	4002 Greenwood, San Diego 10
Glidewell, Jack W.	1949	1950	S	Box 1673, Globe, Arizona	St. Paul's	Mrs. J. W. Glidewell	Box 1673, Globe, Arizona
Hamme, H. Edward	1931	1947	N	448 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, T.H.	Honolulu		
Heinecken, F. W.	1930	1945	S	4144 9th St., Riverside	Trinity	Dr. Frank Jensen	7262 Orchard St., Riverside
Hidy, Ross F.	1942	1945	N	3045 Hillegas Ave., Berkeley 5	St. Michael's	William Ironside	2320 Valley St., Berkeley
Holand, Clifford B.	1927	1938	S	625 21st Pl., Santa Monica	St. Paul's	Glenn D. Jackson	715 17th St., Santa Monica
Hudson, Guy L.	1930	1930	S	100 N. Doheny Dr., Los Angeles 36	Beverly Hills		
Jensen, Everett J.	1943	1950	N	3951 Kaimuki Ave., Honolulu, T.H.	Kaimuki Mission		
Kerstetter, Robert D.	1939	1943	S	2019 Salvio St., Concord, Calif.	New Concord Community Hospital Building Fund Campaign		
Knudten, Arthur C., Ph.D.	1930	1943	N	Ghq-Scap CI&E APO 500, c/o P.M., San Francisco	Japanese Mission Field		
Kohler, Henry Irving, D.D.	1919	1930	S	7011 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 3	Bethany	H. G. Vogel	7700 Miramonte Blvd., L. A. 1

Lenhardt, Howard A.	1945	1949	S	197 W. Foothill Blvd., Altadena	Altadena	R. F. Brammer	2054 N. Marengo, Altadena
Lindsay, H. C.	1936	1940	S	1120 N. Third St., Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	Paul E. Erickson, Jr.	2634 N. Oxford, Phoenix, Ariz.
Linton, Kenneth E.	1947	1948	N	417 S. Oregon St., Yreka, Calif.	Zion		
Lorimer, Harold J.	1944	1944	S	900 Story Pl., Alhambra	Grace	Woodward Vogel	Los Angeles
Lovekamp, George H.	1948	1948	N	1128 N St., Sanger	St. Paul's		
Lucas, Herman	1923	1925	N	549 Belvedere St., San Francisco 17	St. Matthew's	Albert L. Gercke	10 Pemberton Pl., San Francisco 14
Mattson, Edward J., S.T.D.	1927	1947	N	67 E. Turk St., San Francisco	Lutheran Welfare Council of Northen California		
Mertz, Louis F.	1946	1947	S	3806 San Anseline, Long Beach 8	Lakewood	Kieth Griess	1323 Dawson Ave., Long Beach 4
Miley, Charles A.	1929	1946	N	630 Ferger Ave., Fresno 3	First	Fred Gatchel	1021 "S" St., Fresno
Miley, Dwight L.	1926	1947	N	722 29th Ave., San Francisco 21	First English		
Miller, Eldon R.	1944	1944	N	15 Latona St., San Francisco 24	Temple	Ray B. Scherer	278 Claremont Blvd., San Francisco
Moyer, Carl H.	1933	1950	N	1331 Carlson Blvd., Richmond	St. James		
Nield, John B., Ph.D.	1943	1943	S	13 Mount View Rd., Crouch Hill, London	On leave		
Oslunt, J. Edward	1938	1938	N	5 Sunnyside Dr., Reno, Nevada	Good Shepherd	Lloyd E. Larson	523 Imperial Blvd., Reno, Nevada
Reed, R. Bertram	1937	1950	S	5027 Ambrose Ave., Hollywood	Hollywood	E. A. Morrison	1925 N. Van Ness, Hollywood 28
Robison, David E.	1937	1947	S	204 N. McNees Ave., Whittier	Salem	Glenn Long	2000 Chuta Rd., La Habra
Romeis, H. Paul	1931	1936	S	997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena 4	Trinity	Clarence L. Derr	2023 Galbreth Rd., Pasadena
Romeis, Robert S.	1938	1938	N	1709 L St., Sacramento 14	St. John's	Jesse I. Schrunk	2420 "S" St., Sacramento
Scherer, Henry H.	1928	1943	S	1329 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles 6	Advent	Otto Giesenhagen	366 W. 87th St., Los Angeles 3
Scholl, Titus R.	1938	1946	S	1919 E. Silver St., Tucson, Ariz.	Our Saviour's	Harold Herman	260 E. Limberlost Rd., Tucson, Ariz.
Schwertz, Albert B., D.D.	1924	1941	S	3119 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles 5	First English	Howard A. Weisman	110 N. Detroit St., Los Angeles 36
Shandrick, Albert J.	1948	1949	N	P. O. Box 686, Central Valley	St. James'	Walter Kuehne	Central Valley, California
Smith, Charles P.	1938	1943	S	2721 E. Florence Ave., Huntington Park	St. Luke's	Rudolph L. Kluck	6931 Wilcox Ave., Bell
Smith, Frederick A., Th.D.	1931	1945	S	1371 S. Hope St., Los Angeles 15	Lutheran Welfare Council of Southern California		
Soldan, A. J., D.D.	1901	1929	S	11421 Waterford St., Los Angeles 24	Westwood Village	P. O. Narveson	953 Burlingame, Los Angeles 49
Spindt, George A.	1945	1945	S	231 Madison Ave., N. Y. 16, N. Y.	National Lutheran Council		
Spirer, Edward N.	1930	1931	S	6616 Irvine Ave., North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	Luther R. Vestergard	1225 S. Laurel Terrace Dr., N. Holly.
Strickler, Gerald B.	1936	1947	S	1715 W. Market St., York, Pa.	Student		
Stuhr, Walter M.	1931	1948	S	328 S. Marengo Ave., Alhambra	Our Saviour's	Peter Erlandson	2624 S. Orange Grove, Alhambra
Stump, John P.	1940	1948	S	1308 Salisbury Rd., La Canada	Ev. Lu. Ch. in Foothills	Dr. J. Henry Kramer	249 Euclid, Pasadena
Swanson, Franklin A.	1938	1942	N	16248 Carolyn St., San Leandro	Epiphany	E. R. Gower	1208 Paradise Blvd., Hayward
Tambert, Carl V.	1932	1946	S	1303 N. Brand, Glendale	First	Bernard C. Wahl	917 Highland Ave., Glendale
Ulrich, G. L.	1922	1949	S	742 27th St., Manhattan Beach	Trinity		
Vosseler, Erwin A.	1920	1941	S	1320 2nd Ave., San Diego 1	First	Ben Dederman	3257 Landis St., San Diego 4
Wagner, Donald E.	1945	1945	N	659 16th St., Oakland 12	First English	F. A. D. Jensen	3139 Sylvan Ave., Oakland
Weaver, J. Benner	1944	1944	S	3120 W. 81st St., Inglewood	Holy Trinity	William Heidemann	3111 W. 78th Pl., Los Angeles 43
Wentz, Frederick K.	1945	1945	S	409 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn.	Yale Divinity		
Wharton, Paul C.	1938	1949	S	2641 Hayes Ave., Long Beach 10	Faith		
Wheatley, Robert C.	1948	1949	S	1204 W. 163rd St., Gardena	St. John's	F. E. Rueweler	15903 Brighton Ave., Gardena
Wolpert, Paul H.	1943	1943	N	2940 39th St., Sacramento 17	First English	Don. V. Petersen	3042 San Carlos Wy., Sacramento 17
Youngquist, Theodore A.	1946	1947	N	5317 11th Ave., Sacramento 17	St. Paul's	Ray S. Carder	3156 Kroy Way, Sacramento
Vacant				908 Church St., Redlands	First English (Redlands)	Edward A. Lagerquist	618 Alvarado St., Redlands

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Dyreson, Delmar L.	1931	1934	S	122 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington 2, D. C.
Johnson, Earl J.		1946	S	4th Regt. Combat Team, Ft. Lewis, Wash.
May, Lt. Col. Erwin T.	1931	1934	S	9150th T.S.U.—Serial #036637, Office of the Depot Chaplain, Columbus 15, Ohio
Schwenk, Elwood	1921	1947	N	412 Moraga Ave., Piedmont 11, Calif.
Vosseler, Lawrence C.	1941	1941	S	Naval Training Center, San Diego 33, Calif.
Wright, Edwart Dewitt	1923	1937	S	U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.
RETIRED				
Becker, Otto	1912	1941	N	344 E. 92nd St., Los Angeles 3
Broyer, John R., Ph.D.	1896	1912	N	1622 Great Highway, San Francisco 22
Crouser, Wm. E., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1898	1902	N	1147 Brace Ave., San Jose
Fieblekorn, Albert	1903	1921	S	275 N. Alta Vista, Monrovia
Groseclose, Albert L.	1911	1945	S	99 N. Chester Ave., Pasadena 4
Harshman, L. A.	1907	1944	S	717 S. Burlington, Los Angeles 5
Harter, Norman N.	1895	1911	S	2508 S. Bronson St., Los Angeles
Herold, J. S., D.D.	1900	1939	N	138 N. 11th St., Miamisburg, Ohio
Hoick, John Edward, D.D. (P.E.M.)	1894	1898	S	1091 Leighton Ave., Los Angeles 37
Hormann, Arthur, Ph.D.	1911	1947	N	P. O. Box 2922, Honolulu, T.H.
Isham, Arthur A.	1907	1912	S	832 Alvarado St., Redlands
Leech, Harvey M.	1894	1919 (1912)	S	2500 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra
Maggart, C. W., D.D.	1882	1926 (1892)	S	2023 W. 82nd St., Los Angeles
Meyer, Emil	1900	1919	N	3900 Lakeshore, Oakland 10
Miller, Carl A.	1925	1941	S	Box 433, Desert Hot Springs, Calif.
Miller, Wm. C., S.T.M.	1899	1928	S	Wakeeney, Kans.
Mottern, Warren R., Litt.D., (P.E.M.)	1897	1909	S	211 N. Adams St., Glendale 6
Moyer, F.E.	1912	1944	S	2404 F St., San Diego 2
Oehler, Charles F., D.D.	1901	1920	S	3710 Mintern St., Riverside
Poat, Wm. F., Ll.D.	1888	1893	N	1713 J St., Sacramento 14
Schmidt, Henry F.	1895	1930	S	646 Cerritos Ave., Long Beach 12
Snyder, Daniel J., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1903	1908	S	2085 Linden St., Long Beach 6
Trabert, E. A., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1898	1919	N	21 Chestnut Ave., Los Gatos, Calif.
Weaver, H. J., D.D. (P.E.M.)	1894	1900	S	2500 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra

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	PLACE	Date	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER	Pastors	Congregations
1	Los Angeles	1891	Rev. O. C. Miller	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Mr. John Everding	8	5
2	San Francisco	1892	Rev. W. S. Hoskinson, Sc.D.	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Mr. John Everding	10	6
3	Sacramento	1893	Rev. Philip Graif	Rev C. W. Maggart	Mr. John Everding	12	8
4	San Diego	1894	Rev. M. H. Stine	Rev. J. S. Simon	Mr. John Everding	16	10
5	Los Angeles	1895	Rev. C. W. Maggart	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Mr. John Everding	17	9
6	San Jose	1896	Rev. V. G. A. Tressler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	17	11
7	Oakland	1897	Rev. C. F. Oehler	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Mr. John Everding	20	12
8	Sacramento	1898	Rev. E. Nelander, Ph.D.	Rev. J. W. Ball	Mr. John Everding	20	11
9	San Diego	1899	Rev. J. W. Ball	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
10	San Francisco	1900	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	17	10
11	Los Angeles	1901	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	10
12	Alameda	1902	Rev. William Kelly	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	11
13	Sacramento	1903	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	18	13
14	Riverside	1904	Rev. Herman Gehrcke	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	21	14
15	San Jose	1905	Rev. H. J. Weaver	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	24	16
16	Sacramento	1906	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	22	18
17	Redlands	1907	Rev. W. E. Crouser	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	27	20
18	Santa Barbara	1908	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	20
19	Fresno	1909	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	28	21
20	San Francisco	1910	Rev. O. H. Gruver	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	29	21
21	San Diego	1911	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	30	22
22	Los Angeles	1912	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	41	24
23	Sacramento	1913	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	42	27
24	Santa Barbara	1914	Rev. J. E. Hoick	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	43	28
25	Mt. Hermon	1915	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. G. H. Hillerman	P. S. Leisenring, M.D.	44	29
26	Long Beach	1916	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. M. N. Harter	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	29
27	San Francisco	1917	Rev. C. F. Oehler, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	44	30

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28	Pasadena	1918	Rev. H. J. Weaver, D.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	45	30
29	Oakland	1919	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	46	30
30	San Diego	1920	Rev. J. R. Broyer, Ph.D.	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	51	30
31	San Jose	1921	Rev. Wm. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	32
32	Los Angeles	1922	Rev. Wm. H. Derr	Rev. G. H. Hillerman, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	32
33	San Francisco	1923	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	53	33
34	San Diego	1924	Rev. W. E. Crouser, D.D.	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	54	35
35	San Francisco	1926	Rev. D. J. Snyder	Rev. John A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	60	35
36	Glendale	1927	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	66	38
37	Oakland	1928	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	63	38
38	Hollywood	1929	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Richard H. Trojan	Rev. O. H. Gruver, D.D.	58	37
39	Sacramento	1930	Rev. E. P. Schueler, D.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	37
40	Long Beach	1931	Rev. J. W. Ball, Ph.D.	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	64	37
41	San Francisco	1932	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Louis S. Axe	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	68	38
42	Los Angeles	1933	Rev. E. A. Trabert	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	65	36
43	Oakland	1934	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	62	36
44	Riverside	1935	Rev. John Edward Hoick	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	64	35
45	San Francisco	1936	Rev. Earnest A. Trabert, D.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. J. A. Sende, C.P.A.	63	37
46	Phoenix, Arizona	1937	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Henry Irving Kohler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	66	37
47	Sacramento	1938	Rev. James J. Raun, Ph.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	37
48	Santa Monica	1939	Rev. Howard A. Anspach	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	60	37
49	San Jose	1940	Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	57	36
50	Los Angeles	1941	Rev. Wm. H. Derr	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	59	38
51	Sacramento	1942	Rev. Wm. H. Derr, D.D.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	63	38
52	Glendale	1943	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr.	Rev. Clarence F. Crouser	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	67	39
53	San Francisco	1944	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	68	39
54	Pasadena	1945	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. E. A. Vosseler	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	83	42
55	Oakland	1946	Rev. James P. Beasom Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	90	46
56	Hollywood	1947	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl	101	52
57	San Diego	1948	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Carl A. Bell	99	60
58	San Francisco	1949	Rev. James P. Beasom Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Carl A. Bell	65	61
59	Huntington Park	1950	Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D.	Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	Mr. Carl A. Bell	73	68

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Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

of California

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California was preceded by a meeting of 1096 members in the Civic Auditorium, Glendale, California, as a promotion for the Christian Higher Educational Year Appeal on the territory of the Synod. The Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, Secretary of the United Lutheran Churches in America presented a stirring message, "Living A Thousand Lives."

The Convention met on Monday morning in the First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California. The Rev. Oscar Carlson, D.D., presented the first in a series of Knubel-Miller Lectures on the theme—"THE LAUNCHING PLATFORM FOR EVANGELISM — PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS." The lectures were continued in the afternoon and were followed by a meeting of the lay delegates to the Convention under the leadership of Mr. Leo Johnston.

On Monday evening, The Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., was installed as the President of Synod. In an impressive service held in the First English Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, Dr. Reinartz preached an inspiring sermon on "The Test of the Christian Life." It was followed by a reception for the newly installed President at the church parlors. During the reception Dr. and Mrs. Beasom were presented with a silver coffee service from the Synod, a clergy vestment case from the Executive Committee and a book of letters and testimonials from the pastors of Synod. The book was inscribed with the following testimonial:

A TESTIMONIAL

In the Name of God, the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We, the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, of the United Lutheran Church in America, assembled in this second inaugural service of the Reverend James Prince Beasom, Jr., Doctor of Divinity, as full-time President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, January thirtieth, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred fifty, do hereby record our gratitude to Almighty God for the effective and consecrated leadership he has rendered to our beloved Lutheran Church, and

We further record our admiration for and appreciation of the Reverend James Prince Beasom, Jr., D.D. for his outstanding devotion and sympathetic understanding.

At the beginning of his second, full-time five-year tenure in the office of President, we assure him and his good wife, Mrs. Helga Beasom, of our affection, admiration and gratitude, and pray that they may have many more years in the service of Him, Whom we all serve, as our Blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

The Testimonial Committee

FIRST SESSION

Huntington Park, Calif., January 31, 1950

The Rev. Oscar Carlson, D.D., presented the third of his lectures on the theme—"THE CHURCH'S SINGULAR TASK."

The Convention was officially opened by President Beasom, using the prescribed order. The roll of the Synod was called with seventy-four clergymen and fifty-seven lay delegates present. The Committee on Reference and Counsel presented the motion that we follow the printed program, except for the inclusion of the report of the Committee on Constitution and the meetings of the Conferences after the lecture on Tuesday afternoon. The motion was seconded and carried.

The following guests were presented and welcomed to the Convention:

The Rev. F. Eppling Reinartz, Secretary of the United Luthran Churches in America, and the official representative to the Convention.

The Rev. Oscar Carlson, D.D., Knubel-Miller Foundation Lecturer.

The Rev. W. P. Hieronymous, Ph.D., President of Midland College.

The Rev. Konrad Koosman, President of the California District of the American Lutheran Church.

The Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, representing Dr. Abbott Book, Executive Secretary Northern California-Western Nevada Council of Churches.

The Rev. Clarence E. Naugle from the Pittsburg Synod, Supply Pastor at the Mission in Van Nuys, California.

Chaplain David R. Kabele, Chaplain at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, California.

The motion prevailed that the guests and members of the Executive Committee be given a voice on the floor.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF SYNOD

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." Amen.

> "When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives . . . realize that they come to TEST your FAITH . . ." James 1:2,3. (Phillips Translation)

The Year of 1950, which the Pope has declared a Holy Year, should be a year of rejoicing for all Christians. Instead, it is a year of sorrow. Men's hopes for peace are being turned into a prolonged cold war. Immorality is being made to appear as moral. And greed seems to be the dominating note in world and personal affairs.

1950 will be a crucial year for our Synod, a year of temptation, trial and testing. In it we shall learn whether we are just growing older or whether we are actually "growing up" in the service of our Lord.

Faith and Life

We have been passing through a period of rapid expansion. A large number of congregations have been added to our rolls, and our congregations have received many hundreds of new members. A great many of these have come from backgrounds that are strange to our manner of worship; some are newly born Christians. During such periods of growth and integration, the church is tested, especially in its faith and life. Such is our experience now.

Commercialism, selfish interests, bad habits and practices of worship, and the frills of this world are constantly disturbing our people. It appears to many to be much sounder to depend upon the strength of man than upon the Word of God. It definitely seems to be folly to go forth in faith in Christ to do His will, when the rational mind can find no tangible evidences of security.

Our people must learn that only God's way is the right way. That the end does not justify the means no matter how urgent the situation may be. Instead, the Lord is always with His church, when it is His church and not the church of some individual or group who wish to have their way. And when He is with His church, blessings come, increases are noted, and a deepening of faith is evidenced in spiritual living and giving.

Preaching and Teaching the Word

The preaching and teaching of the Word of God must be basic in the life of the congregations of Synod. Every organization, every family and every member should be led to a dependence upon the Lord through His word for guidance. The Home Altar should be stressed with greater emphasis. Every confirmed member should be helped to a true appreciation of the Holy Communion, so the despising of the Lord's table will not occur by an abstinance from the Sacrament of the Altar. Church councils should give serious thought to the worship services of the church, so that they shall be Christ-centered, not only in the preaching of the sermon, but in the other avenues of the service and the fellowship of the saints. A warm and friendly welcome should be given to every stranger and visitor. There should not only be harmony in the music but also in the life of each congregation. Petty differences must give way to the greater purpose of the church, and personal opinions must always be governed by an understanding of the will of God.

Weak faith and divided loyalties may give an appearance of the Church, but they lead to a false hope and a fool's paradise. "The man who trusts in God, but with inward reservations, is like the wave of the sea, carried forward by the wind one moment and driven back the next. That sort of man cannot hope to receive anything from God, the life of a man of divided loyalty will reveal instability at every turn." James 1:6-8. (Phillip's Translation)

The congregation that rejoices only in the outward appearances of growth and becomes discouraged at every worldly setback has lost a vision of its purpose. It must pray that the Holy Spirit might relight the flame of the passion for souls, until the whole is aglow with this determination.

Weary in Well Doing

Synod must not be satisfied with a recounting of achievement no matter how magnificent this may or may not have been. Nor should we permit our congregations to become satisfied with what has been accomplished, for fear that they may become weary in well doing. Now is not the time nor is this the world in which we are to rest from our labors. Instead we must be inspired to greater heights of service, sacrifices of Christian love and deeper consecration to our God-given calling.

There is no such thing as a saturation point in the church. Our members cannot be asked to do or to give too much. Such answers are a compromise with the devil. Believers in Jesus trust Him to lead them all the way, confident that He who commands can and will provide the means. If we will but do His will, He will grant to our people and pastors the strength and the money, while at the same time caring for all of the bodily needs of each.

The congregation that does not trust the Lord to provide will be tempted to use the funds needed for the benevolent causes of the Kingdom to care for local needs and find that in so doing there is less and less to care for these current accounts.

On the other hand the congregation that always meets its minimum benevolent goals as its primary task will discover that there is an overflowing supply to provide for the congregational wants.

Congregational Education

The primary tasks of the church are understood only after constant and careful teaching. It is clear that the benevolent side of the church envelope will not be sufficient to meet the benevolent needs of the larger church unless the membership is lead to a larger understanding of the duties of a believer in Christ to carry the Gospel throughout the world.

Congregations cannot be excused from this larger obligation by using the lame excuse that all monies in the red side of the envelope are sent to the synodical offices unless the membership has been brought to an understanding of its spiritual rsponsibilities and the sum is sufficient to meet at least the minimum quota set by the Church under the leadership of Almighty God in its annual convention. When the sum is not enough, greater stress must be given to these needs and other means must be found within the congregation to meet the primary requirements of the Kingdom.

The congregations should make their first obligation the benevolent apportionment of the church. When they have such faith, then the Lord of the church will see that there is enough to meet all other obligations. It will be a testing of the faith of our people to challenge them with this program.

Our Pastors

Even as we are called of God into fellowship in His kingdom, so are those who give themselves in full time service called to be His ministers and pastors. Although God leads them through His call to a particular field of labor they are always to be pastors of the whole church. Thus the pastors have their first loyalty to God and to His larger Church, as they serve Him through the avenues of the local congregation.

Frequently, a sense of possessiveness is noted in both pastors and congregations, which results in selfish practices to the detriment of the whole church. It must be constantly kept in mind that we are members of the one body in Christ, which cannot be separated by geographic or psychological borders. It will be a true testing of our faith to break down every semblance of this isolationism that we might unite in the launching out into the deeper water.

Our 1950 Tasks

We have already stated that 1950 will be a crucial year for our Synod. This will be true for one dynamic reason. For the first time in about five years, not all of our congregations have reached their minimum goals. This will be the cause for real sadness to the devout while those who are selfish may use it as an excuse for joining the ranks of the delinquent congregations.

Can it be that synod shall make this a cause for serious prayer and study? Will each delegate and visitor be motivated to a new appreciation of the seriousness of this situation, so that each will feel morally obligated to make the apportionment of the church the primary concern of his congregation during the year 1950?

Since the United Lutheran Church is making its appeal to membership of every congregation for $6,000,000 for Christian Higher Education, there may be a danger that our world-wide obligations through Lutheran World Action may be neglected. This dare not be the case. During the past year, a few of our congregations became delinquent in this responsibility, more than ever before. Some who gave larger amounts failed to reach these higher goals. Will 1950 continue this downward trend or will we as a church rise up to change the current?

The Christian Higher Education Appeal will be popular throughout our synod, for it will mean that we shall have on our territory our first Lutheran institution of higher learning of our United Lutheran Church in America. It will mean the dawning of a new day and a greater church. We can feel confident that our people will rise up to this opportunity to give if they are given the information and the privilege. Our testing will be in removing all blocks to our people.

When the total benevolence obligation is divided among our membership the sum each is invited to give is insignificant. It is based upon the lowest income level rather than upon the average or above the average, which is the case of most of our people. If we will but allow the Lord to have His way in our lives, this can be the convention of miracles, and we shall be privileged to see the glory of our God in a transfigured church.

Gratitude to God

This is the Lord's church and we have been invited into it by the Holy Spirit. The church does not need us; we all need the church. We shall be eternally grateful unto God for His gifts in meeting these needs through His church. He has given to us so many with whom we are to share in these labors of Christian love. To each we express our appreciation. We shall not name any by name. It is not possible to judge who is the greatest in the kingdom. We will leave that to the Lord. Instead we would express our gratitude to every pastor and congregation and member, as well as the officers and secretaries of our U.L.C.A. and N.L.C. Everyone deserves this commendation.

What a glorious privilege we possess in Christ to have fellowship with this vast company of the saints. Not only are we united with those who are our co-laborers upon earth, but we are one with the church triumphant and the other hosts about the throne of grace. We walk in the company of the King of Kings, with all power at our disposal. Herein is our joy. This changes a year of sorrow into one of great rejoicing. 1950 the crucial year will be our year of Jubilee in Him and His church. In it, let us give our all to follow in His way.

To assist us in accomplishing this, your president very humble suggests that we

Make 1950 a Synodical Year of Jubilee

by:

1. Appointing a committee on Faith and Life charged with the task of assist-

ing our pastors and congregations to a deepening of our Christian faith and life that we fail not the Lord of the Church in this crucial year.

2. Daring our pastors and congregations to place the synodical apportionment as the first obligation of each congregation.
3. Challenging all of our people to a crusade of Evangelism, that every member might bring another to Christ and membership in His Church.
4. Presenting to the membership of our synod the opportunity of serving the Lord through Lutheran World Action, "Love's Working Arm."
5. Setting aside a Synodical Sunday of Jubilee, at which time we shall endeavor to have every member present at the services of the Lord, bringing a Jubilee offering for Christian Higher Education.

At this convention of Synod your president will be installed for a five year term. He accepts his election as a call from God. He does not presume to know all of the answers to the problems, nor does he feel able to carry the tremendous responsibility that lies ahead, but he confidently relies upon the Lord for strength and guidance and seeks the prayers of the whole synod to sustain him and to keep him faithful to his task.

Official Acts and Statistics of the President of Synod:

RESIGNATIONS:

February 1, 1949, The Rev. Frankllin A. Swanson, Transfiguration, Los Angeles.
March 1, 1949, The Rev. J. Emory Ackerman, St. John's, Gardena
June 1, 1949, The Rev. John B. Nield, St. Mark's, Los Angeles
August 15, 1949, The Rev. Albert Shandrick, St. Mark's, San Francisco
September 1, 1949, The Rev. John M. Fellner, First Lutheran Church, Glendale
September 1, 1949, The Rev. Fred Bartelt, St. James, Richmond
October 15, 1949, The Rev. Paul Keck, First Lutheran Church, Redlands

INSTALLATIONS:

January 2, 1949, The Rev. Donald Endter, St. Paul's, Los Angeles
January 9, 1949, The Rev. Clarence Crouser, Grace, San Jose
January 23, 1949, The Rev. John P. Stump, Church in Foothills, La Canada
February 6, 1949, The Rev. Howard Lenhardt, Altadena, Alatdena
April 24, 1949, The Rev. Vlad P. Benko, St. Peter's, San Diego
June 12, 1949, The Rev. Robert Wheatley, St. John's, Gardena
July 10, 1949, The Rev. Bertram Reed, Hollywood, Hollywood
July 17, 1949, The Rev. Ross Hidy, St. Michael's, Berkeley
September 11, 1949, The Rev. George Ulrich, Trinity, Manhattan Beach
October 16, 1949, The Rev. John Fellner, St. Mark's, San Fernando
October 16, 1949, The Rev. Louis Mertz, Lakewood, Long Beach
October 16, 1949, The Rev. Fred Bartelt, St. Mark's, Los Angeles
November 6, 1949, The Rev. Carl Moyer, St. James, Richmond
December 11, 1949, The Rev. J. Emory Ackerman, Transfiguration, Los Angeles
April 1, 1949, The Rev. Thomas J. Daly, Las Vegas, Nevada

DISMISSALS:

October 15, 1949, The Rev. Paul Keck, The Indiana Synod

ORGANIZATION OF CONGREGATIONS:

April 10, 1949, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach
April 10, 1949, Our Saviour's Ev. Lutheran Church, Alhambra
April 24, 1949, St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Fernando
May 1, 1949, Epiphany Ev. Lutheran Church, San Leandro
May 8, 1949, St. James Ev. Lutheran Church, Redding

DEDICATIONS:

February 27, 1949, Lutheran Memorial Ev. Lutheran Church, Burbank
February 27, 1949, St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Gardena (parsonage)
May 1, 1949, St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vallejo
July 17, 1949, St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Mateo
August 21, 1949, St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Huntington Park
September 4, 1949, Lihue Ev. Lutheran Church, Lihue, T.H. (parsonage)
September 11, 1949, St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, San Diego

November 6, 1949, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond (parsonage)
December 6, 1949, St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sacramento (re-dedication)
December 11, 1949, Altadena Ev. Lutheran Church, Altadena
December 11, 1949, Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara (re-dedication)

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PRINCE BEASOM, JR., President

The motion prevailed that the President's report be received and that he be asked to emphasize the important points in the report. The motion prevailed that the report be referred to the Committee on the President's Report.

The Rev. Henry Scherer presented the report of the Statistician.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

The Parochial Report Sheets posted at this Convention of Synod are a part of the report, and will be submitted to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, with the individual report sheet of each congregation.

This has been another year rich with blessings of God upon our labors as congregations and a Synod.

This year's early reports from churches under 300 communicants: 1. San Leandro, Pastor Franklin Swanson; 2. Fresno, Wartburg, Pastor J. C. Bitter; 3. Los Angeles, Transfiguration, Pastor J. Emory Ackerman. The early reports from larger congregations were: 1. Oakland, First, Pastor Donald E. Wagner; tied with Richmond, Grace, Pastor Milus W. Bonker; 3. North Hollywood, Pastor Edward N. Spirer.

Some of the increases over 1948:

Child Accessions	273
Adult Accessions	401

(With five new missions giving us 467 adult accessions and 238 child accessions—it doesn't make 1949's soul-winning compared with 1948 anything to grow lyrical about.)

Baptized membership grew 2211 or 7.81% to reach 30,342
Confirmed membership grew 1228 or 6.35% to reach 20,577
Communing membership grew 1083 or 8.06% to reach 14,519
Other increases:

Men's groups	2	42 members
Women's groups	2	110 members
Mixed groups	9	219 members
Youth groups	8	145 members
Catechumens		266
Seminary Students		1
Students in Lutheran schools		2
Students in other colleges		65
Property Value		$361,557
Debt grew but $207,235		
Congregational expenses		$122,098
Apportionment		6,226
Total Expenditures		$136,288

May God make us better stewards in 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY SCHERER.

CALIFORNIA SYNOD GROWTH

Year	Commun. Member.	Member Gain	%	Rank in ULCA	Apportmt. Paid	Rank in ULCA
1949	14,519	1083	8.06		$106,565	
1948	13,436	861	6.85	15 (tie)	100,307	13
1947	12,575	1800	16.80	18	58,637	14
1946	10,775	1785	19.86	19	48,168	15
1945	8,990	1277	16.53	19	38,812	15

Year	No. of Churches	Rank in ULCA	S.S. Pupils	Property Value	Total Expends.	Rank in ULCA
1949	66		9683	$4,164,863	$1,077,984	
1948	61	16	8346	3,803,306	941,696	11
1947	59	16	7751	2,923,529	759,155	10
1946	52	17	6480	2,188,774	590,050	13
1945	46	18	5367	1,595,185	441,561	13

Dr. Reinartz paid tribute to the excellent work done by Pastor Scherer. The motion prevailed that the report be adopted.

The Rev. Frederick A. Smith, Th.D., presented the report of the Committee on the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

The first reading of the following proposed amendments was made at San Francisco Convention, May 1949. The document has been submitted to the Committee on Constituent Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America from whom we have received suggestion for a few minor changes in wording, none of which change the spirit of the amendment, but rather to clarify, and with these changes is their statement "—finds nothing in the proposed amendments contrary to principle or sound policy."

These changes in wording have been incorporated in the following paragraphs:

It is recommended that ARTICLE III, SECTION I, PARAGRAPH 2 of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

The office of the President shall be a full time salaried position. Election shall take place at a regular convention of Synod. Terms shall be five years, to begin July first following the election. The President shall not be assigned to either Conference.

It is recommended that ARTICLE III, SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH 1 of the Constitution shall be amended by:

Substituting the words "July first" for "Immediately."

It is recommended that ARTICLE III, SECTION 5, PARAGRAPH 1 of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

The Presidents of the Conferences shall be the Vice-presidents of Synod. They shall be elected for two years, one to be elected each year at a regular conference meeting during the Convention of Snyod. The Vice-president serving his second year shall be the First Vice-president of Synod.

In the event of the death, removal or constitutional disqualification of the President of Synod, the Vice-presidents shall assume this office in the order of their priority and shall serve until the new President, who shall be elected at the next annual convention of Synod, takes office.

The Vice-presidents of Synod shall render, at all times, such assistance as the President of Synod may request.

It is recommended that ARTICLE VI, SECTION I, PARAGRAPH 1 of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

There shall be an executive committee of the Synod consisting of the President, Vice-presidents, Secretary and Treasurer and one clergyman and two laymen from each Conference. The President and Vice-Presidents are elected as specified elsewhere in this Constitution; the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually by Synod; the members at large shall be elected for a period of two years, one half of them to be elected each year. Their terms shall begin immediately after their installation with the exception of that of the President, which shall begin on July 1st following his election.

In order that the terms of the third and fourth recommendations may be carried out:

It is recommended that at the annual convention at which these provisions become effective the Northern Conference shall elect for one year and the Southern Conference for two years. Thereafter they shall alternate in the annual elections for the offices involved in these amendments. This first election shall also establish the First Vice-Presidency in the Northern Conference for this first year which will be the beginning of the alternations.

It is recommended that ARTICLE V, PARAGRAPH IIb of the By-Laws of this Synod shall be amended by the addition of the words "but at no time shall there be fewer than two laymen and two clergymen from either Conference."

The Committee has made much study on the subject of the complete revision of the Constitution. The work cannot be completed, however, until the revision of the Model Constitution for Synods is completed by the ULCA. When the preliminary draft of the proposed revision has been prepared a copy will be placed in the hands of each pastor of Synod with the request for specific criticism and suggestion for the guidance of the Committee in their final preparation preliminary to the "first reading."

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERICK A. SMITH, Th.D., Chairman.

The motion prevailed that the change in Article III, Sec. 1, Paragraph 2 of the Constitution recommended by the report be adopted.

The motion prevailed that the recommended change in Article III, Sec. 5, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution be adopted.

The motion prevailed that the recommended change in Article IV, Sec. 1, Paragraph 1 be altered to read;

> "their terms shall begin immediately after their installation, with the exception of that of the President, which shall begin on July first, following his election."

The motion prevailed that the manner of selecting the members at large on the Executive Committee before the meetings of conferences be referred to the Committee on the Constitution for study.

The motion prevailed that the recommended change in Article V, Paragraph II-b of the By-Laws of the Synod be adopted. By common consent, the word "less" was changed to the word "fewer" in this paragraph.

The report of the Committee as a whole is adopted.

The motion prevailed that the following be approved as the official committees of the Convention:

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

President's Report
Rev. Donald Emdter, Chairman; Rev. Milus Bonker, Mr. Harry Hahn, William Ironside.

Claims Committee
Rev. Henry Scherer, Chairman; Mr. Carl Bell, Mr. Wayne Pfundstein, Rev. Clarence Crouser.

Letters and Papers
Rev. J. Wm. Bowman, Chairman; Rev. Willis Forsyth, Lester Bierbaum, Glen Jackson.

Tellers
Rev. Don Wagner, Chairman; Rev. Glenn O. Balsley, Etton Hobbs, Don V. Peterson.

Publicity
Rev. Charles Smith, Chairman; Rev. Albert Schwertz, D.D., Charles Hushaw.

Convention Reporter to the Lutheran:
Rev. Albert B. Schwertz, D.D.

Chairman of the Laymen's Meeting
Leo Johnston.

Excuses
Rev. J. Benner Weaver, Chairman; Rev. Erwin Vosseler, Dr. Frank Jensen.

Assistant to the Secretary
Rev. Howard A. Lenhart.

The session was adjourned and was followed by meetings of the Laymen and the Ministerium.

SECOND SESSION

Huntington Park, Calif., 2:00 P.M., Jan. 31, 1950

The afternoon session was opened with a lecture by Dr. Oscar W. Carlson, D.D., on "THE SEMANTICS OF EVANGELISM—THE WORLD IN SEARCH OF WORDS."

The motion prevailed that the report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel be adopted.

The Secretary of Synod presented:

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIUM

of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

The Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California met at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Huntington Park, California, on Tuesday, January 31, 1950. The meeting was opened with Prayer led by the Reverend Albert B. Schwertz, D.D. The Examining Committee presented the following report:

"The members of the Examining Committee have met in two sessions, one at First Church, Los Angeles, and St. Luke's in Huntington Park. The Committee examined the transfers and met with four Pastors who are to be received at this session of Synod. Following these meetings, the committee recommends that the following Pastors be received into the Synod of California:

By Letter of Transfer:

Everett J. Jensen, from New York Synod to Hawaiian Islands as Board Missionary; R. Bertram Reed, from Synod of Northwest to Hollywood Lutheran Church; Carl H. Moyer, from Ministerium of Pennsylvania to St. James, Richmond; Jack Glidewell, from Indiana Synod to St. Paul's, Globe-Miami, Arizona.

Upon recommendation of Executive Committee:

Thomas Allport, Pastor of Lihue Lutheran Church, Lihue, T. H., transferred from Pacific Synod.

"The application of Ragnor Kjeldahl was tabled pending his appearance before the Committee.

"We recommend the Ministerium request the Executive Committee of Synod to work out a plan whereby the Examining Committee and the Committee on Ministerial Aid be more closely co-ordinated or if possible and feasible that the Committee become one."

(Signed) J. EDWARD OSLUND.

The motion was made and seconded that the Rev. Ragnor Kjeldahl be accepted by the Executive Committee upon recommendation of the Examining Committee. The motion prevailed that this matter be referred back to the Examining Committee for further study and later report.

The motion was made that the situation of Dr. S. O. Thorlaksson be referred to the Examining Committee for study. The motion was seconded. The motion was lost.

The motion prevailed that the meeting be adjourned. The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser led in the closing prayer.

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary.

The motion prevailed that the report on the meeting of the Ministerium presented by the Secretary be adopted. Pastors Carl Moyer, R. Bertram Reed, Everett Jensen, Thomas Allport and Jack Glidewell were received into the Synod and welcomed by the President.

The motion prevailed that the materials of the Convention of the Synod be mailed daily to Pastor Edward Hamme and Thomas Allport by air mail.

The President of Synod presented:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE AGED

Your Board for the California Lutheran Home for the Aged is happy to report its completion of its second full year of operation without a deficit in its operating account with many improvements and additions to the capital assets of the corporation. The Board wishes to express its gratitude to Almighty God who has so abundantly blessed the efforts of all who are involved in this Kingdom work. Appreciation must be expressed, likewise, to Genevieve Lyon, R.N., and the members of her staff. They are:

Emma Boell
Mary Evans
Edith Gunnerud
Jack Lyon
Margaret Muskavitch

It has been the privilege of the Home to serve twenty-six guests and bring cheer to many others.

Two additional cottages have been erected bringing the total assets of the corporation to over $140,000.00. The indebtedness on the Home has been reduced to $20,000.00. The Board would call attention to the needs of the Home to the members and friends of the congregations of Synod. The Indebtedness of the Home should be eliminated and gifts and bequests for this purpose are hereby solicited and urged. Regular contributions from the congregations and organizations of the congregations for the operating expense of the Home should be enjoyed by all of our congregations no matter how small or how large these may be. The annual ingathering of food stuffs for the Home should be a regular event for all of our people.

Your Board is making plans to increase the capacity of the Home so that there will be added opportunity for applications from our aged members and friends. From time to time, the pastors should call attention to the Home for the Aged to their elderly members, inviting their application for residency at the Home. Primary consideration is always given to members and friends of the California Synod, although the guest list is not limited to these. It is well that all of our congregations should continue an active interest in the Home through announcements and participation from time to time.

The financial report of the Home will be found in the report of the Comptroller of Synod.

Once more your Board would like to express to all who have had a part, its appreciation, especially would the Board wish to commend the various Chapters of the Women's Fellowship of the California Lutheran Home, the Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America and the Social Mission Society of the Southern Conference of our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES PRINCE BEASOM, JR., President

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Publications was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Our United Lutheran Publication House has come a long ways in the publication of books in the last few years. It can truly be said that in Lutheran circles we are a leader in this field. During 1949 such titles as FAITH OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, COMMENTARY ON ROMANS, WE BOW OUR HEADS, MORE THAN BREAD which have come from our press are books of whcih we may be justifiably proud. During this period of intense new Luther study, we have come forth with books of timely significance. Beginning with Kantonen's RESURGENCE OF THE GOSPEL back in '48, we have continued with titles like LET GOD BE GOD, REINTERPRETATION OF LUTHER, DOCTRINE OF THE WORD, FAITH OF THE CHRIS-

TIAN CHURCH and Nygren's COMMENTARY ON ROMANS. Soon there will be a new Book of Concord.

Our first venture into the children's field has met with fine acceptance. WE BOW OUR HEADS, a book of children's prayers, beautifully illustrated and compiled is worth your inspection. In connection with the great interest in Luther, a print with a short biography is offered at small cost for quantity distribution. Also available in a framed picture of about 11 inches square. The leadership texts are all being revised and many entirely re-written. These are much more attractive and generously illustrated. Heinecken's new text, BASIC CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS has received a wide appeal for adult instruction groups and bible classes. Additional books in these series will be coming too. A new Nursery packet is available and the old one has been revised, and we now offer two different packets for the family where there are two children under three.

Our Publication House continues to provide all pastors with the materials of the Pastor's Desk Plan Book which is a costly service each year. Believe us when we say that this Book is the envy of many of the other Lutheran brethren. The Lutheran continues to require a large subsidy each year and this will continue until the subscription list far exceeds 100,000 copies.

The response to the Los Angeles Branch has been most encouraging. The purchases of the sister Lutheran bodies has been very fine. We still have not broken down entirely the buying at older houses than our own here in Los Angeles, and we still find many people in our congregations who do not know about the Los Angeles Branch. Others still purchase at the store nearest them regardless of the fact that phone orders and mail orders receive prompt attention. We have begun to touch some of the other denominations but only in the field of ecclesiastical arts.

The gross sales for the fiscal year 1948-49 of the Los Angeles store were over $53,000. This was an increase of some $18,000 over the previous year. The current year may exceed last year's figure. The store is having its largest monthly sales this year. The store is for one purpose, to serve the pastors and the congregations. If it fails in this regard, then it has no purpose for existence. Each one of you is a stockholder in the U.L.P.H. If the store can serve you, it stands ready to do so. Your comments and suggestions concerning present and needed publications, as well as the service of the U.L.P.H. are always welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

The following reports were adopted by motion:

PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Those of us who took an active part in the program of the Parish and Church School Board during 1948 will not soon forget the program encouraged and directed by the Board known as the Enlistment Program, the purpose being to increase our membership rolls. For the year 1949 the chief stress of the Board was in the development of leadership and teaching ability of our present workers. Wisely the Board has felt the need of a properly equipped and properly instructed staff to hold and develop the new recruits resulting from the enlistment program.

After his visit amongst us, during the days of May 15th and June 1st, and in connection with our Leadership Education Program, pastor Lawrence M. Reese reports some disappointment in the over all attendance. However, he is quick to report some "top notch" meetings in many instances. In his opinion there is a very real need for building parish education into the very busy schedule of our congregations on the west coast, particularly when we think that more than 80% of our church membership ordinarily comes up through the church school channels. It is the hope of the Board that first of all, some new ideas for the improvement of our leadership in local congregations were dispersed, and secondly, that placing practical tools in the hands of our people will inspire them to do an increasingly efficient job as well as establish leadership classes and school to which they can turn for more help.

A summary of the report indicates a total of thirty-eight congregations represented at the meetings with thirty pastors present and a total of three hundred and seventy lay workers participating. The largest group was that of Faith and Grace churches, Phoenix, Arizona. They announced an attendance of sixty-four. Pastor

Earl S. Rudisill will meet with the committee just prior to the meeting of synod to present the project of 1950.

Respectfully,
ORVAL AWERKAMP, Secretary

REPORT OF CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

The establishing of the units of CHILDREN of the CHURCH has made little or no progress in 1949. Several letters have gone out to all pastors of synod, and one inquiry requiring a response on an enclosed postcard. Less than half of the postcards were returned and the tally was as follows:

CHILDREN of the CHURCH units operating..... 9
CHILDREN of the CHURCH units disbanding..... 6
CHILDREN of the CHURCH units under consideration.....13

Some few have perused the material put out for the use of CHILDREN of the CHURCH, but their use is confined to D.V.B.S. for the most part.

Receipts for 1949

Hollywood	$ 30.50
Long Beach, Trinity Church	10.57
North Hollywood, St. Matthew's	89.00
Phoenix, Faith	43.64
Sacramento, St. John's	75.00
Sacramento, St. Paul's	50.00
San Bernardino, First	9.21
	$307.92

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. EDWARD N. SPIRER

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC

During the past year your committee has been consulted by various pastors and churches regarding the purchase of organs, securing of choir directors and organists, vestments for the choir, and other matters pertaining to music in the church. We trust that we have been of some assistance to those making inquiries.

We would respectfully call the attention of the pastors and churches to the Statement on Vestments which was submitted to the United Lutheran Church in America at its 12th Biennial Convention at Omaha, October 16, 1940, and which appears on pages UL-125 to UL127 of the Pastor's Desk Book. This report sets forth a reasonable and sound view of the proper vestments for both clergy and choir according to the principles of our Luthern Confessions and the spirit of worship which prevails in our Church. Those who by reason of "local tradition or individual caprice" insist upon other standards should at least consider fairly the general practice of the Church. There is no virtue and a real danger in excessive formalism and insistance upon artificial devices for the "beautifying" of the service. But there is equally little virtue and an even more real and subtle danger in a sanctimonious devotion to "plainness." God is not served by forms and rituals which have no meaning; but He is served when, through the discriminating use of music, liturgy, and vestments, along with an educational program which will endow these forms with meaning and make them moving symbols, the hearts and minds of the people are enriched and made more accessable to the searching of the Holy Ghost.

Respectfully submitted,
THE REV. CHARLES SMITH, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF SYNOD

Having examined the minutes of Synod for the 1949 Convention held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, San Francisco, California, May 1-5, 1949, we believe them to be in good order and accurately presented with the exception of item VIII B, page 55, which should read:

Double apportionment of ULCA	$26,322.00
CHEY	5,000.00
Synodical Missions	5,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
WM. HERBERT BLOUGH, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

To review the accomplishments of the Women's organizations of the Church is always an inspiration.

With Christian vigor they have moved forward in many ways, both spiritual and material to bring into reality the holy commission of Christ who is their King.

In addition to the support of Missions at home and abroad they have constributed substantially to the California Lutheran Home for the Aged, and as a special project helped to finance a missionary to Hawaii.

Faithful women throughout the church then labor serving the Sunday School, the Luther League and choirs ever doing the One Thing Needful and your committee highly commends these loyal souls for their unfailing love for the Lord's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
F. W. HEINECKEN, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MISSION SOCIETY OF THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

The Social Mission Society of the Southern Conference, affiliate of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and the Lutheran Welfare Conference in America, operative in the Southern Conference, aiding individuals and families with temporary assistance with grants in amounts requested by pastors and funds available.

By action of the Board of Directors the California Lutheran Home for the Aged was made our priority objective for the year. In addition tracts for the use of the Chaplain in both Lutheran Hospitals "Messages for the Day" have been supplied as in former years.

The only source of revenue comes through memberships annually $1.00 or more and by special gifts, also the Samaritan Society grants according to provisions in its Constitution as their first beneficiary.

The advice and counsel of President of the Synod, Dr. James P. Beasom, Jr., in our Board meetings for the year have been greatly appreciated.

Report of the treasurer for the year beginning January 1, 1949, to December 31, follows:

Balance—January 1, 1949	$1874.78
Samaritan Society Grants	600.00
Membership and Special Offering	29.30
	$2504.08
Disbursements:	
California Lutheran Home for the Aged	$1200.00
Family and Individual Relief	287.78
Board Meetings	50.00
"Messages for the Day" (Hospitals)	22.50
Membership Dues in Lutheran Welfare Conference in America	5.00
	$1566.28
Balance in Treasury—January 1, 1950	$ 938.28

ALFRED W. AUGUSTINE, Treas.
HENRY IRVING KOHLER, Pres.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Missions Committee wishes to focus the attention of Synod upon the excellent materials that are available for the educating of our congregations in the work of foreign missions. "Our Mission Front" is an excellent condensation of the work of all of our mission fields and should be placed in every home. A new folder of audie-visual materials is also available from the board office at 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

A number of congregations have parishes or projects abroad to stimulate foreign mission interest. Special projects are available for support in any amount desired.

The new board film, "Fujita—Orphas in Japan," is available through our publication office.

Full cooperation in the Epiphany appeal affords the congregation an excellent opportunity to teach the Sunday School pupils of the Kingdom's work over seas. It will bring a real blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
MILUS W. BONKER
DAVID E. ROBISON
TITUS SCHOLL

STATE OF THE CHURCH

We can well praise God for another year of rich blessings.

With a national goal of 10% annual increase in communing membership, Synod gained 1,083 or 8.06%. Of the 61 churches reporting in 1948, 25 gained 10% or more in communing membership: Altadena, Culver City, Lakewood, Los Angeles First English, Los Angeles Transfiguration, Lihue, La Canada, Monterey Park, Oakland First, Phoenix Faith, Pomona, Reno, Sacramento St. John's, Sacramento St. Paul's, San Diego St. Peter's, San Diego Christ, San Francisco Temple, San Jose, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Tucson, Vallejo, Westwood, Whittier, Yreka.

Growth in Synod has been so rapid that 18 congregations with a gain in communing members lost in comparative standing.

The ten top churches in membership gains list 3 new churches in baptized, 3 confirmed and 5 communing.

Total giving has increased, but giving per confirmed member dropped from 1948's $48.67 down to $40.23.

Only 3 congregations failed to meet apportionment by 100%.

Seventeen churches growing into another higher hundred communing members are: Glendale 1000, Los Angeles First English 800, Sacramento St. John's 700; Long Beach Trinity 500, Inglewood and Pasadena 400, Oakland First (back again), Phoenix Faith, Tucson 300, Riverside and Vallejo 200, La Canada, Long Beach Faith, Reno, San Fernando, San Leandro, Westwood 100.

Confirmed membership shows Long Beach Trinity reaching 750, San Francisco St. Matthew and Vallejo topping 250.

A number of congregations reached the next higher 250 baptized membership figure: Long Beach Trinity 1000, Inglewood 750, Phoenix Faith and Tucson 500, Altadena, Burbank, Gardena, Long Beach Faith, Santa Barbara, Whittier, 250.

SOME GAINS

1940		1949
7,940,225	Population of our territory	12,127,000
	Population gain	51%
13,689	Baptized members in Synod	30,342
	Baptized Gain 122%	
.0017	% ULCA Lutherans in population	.0025%
17	Baptized ULCA per 10,000 population	25
5,252	Communicants	14,519
36	Churches	66
$1,189,627	Property Value	$4,164,863
23,403	Total Benevolence	191,230
176,438	Total Expenditures	1,077,984

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY SCHERER

HOW WELL DO WE HOLD OUR MEMBERS?

Rank in Synod 5 year gains	Congregation	1949 adult accessions	1949 gain in communicants	1945-1949 5 year gain communicants
57.	Berkeley	12	loss 40	loss 27
tie 54.	Fresno, First	48	6	26
60.	Fresno, St. Paul's	9	none	15
62.	Fresno, Wartburg	2	none	1
13.	Honolulu	69	loss 26	159 (4 yr.)
tie 51.	Lihue	9	15	30 (4 yr.)
31.	Oakland, First	62	26	82
tie 51.	Oakland, St. John's	6	2	30
49.	Redding	68	42	42 (1 yr.)
tie 24.	Reno	29	21	101 (3 yr.)
6.	Richmond, Grace	103	20	296
tie 45.	Richmond, St. James	7	loss 2	46 (4 yr.)
42.	Sacramento, First English	45	4	63
3.	Sacramento, St. John's	129	76	333
19.	Sacramento, St. Paul's	26	23	91
59.	San Francisco, First English	9	4	19
57.	San Francisco, St. Mark's	83	loss 34	21
56.	San Francisco, St. Mathew's	24	none	22
58.	San Francisco, Temple	24	8	20
tie 51.	Sanger	8	4	30
36.	San Jose	65	30	74
24.	San Leandro	129	101	101 (1 yr.)
30.	San Mateo	31	14	85
16.	Vallejo	84	66	139
44.	Yreka	17	17	52
tie 33.	Alhambra, Grace	62	loss 20	80
50.	Alhambra, Our Saviour's	54	40	40 (1 yr.)
23.	Altadena	39	22	102
loss	Beverly Hills	26	loss 30	loss 24
20.	Burbank	42	7	120 (1 yr.)
14.	Culver City	52	34	148
tie 47.	El Monte	12	1	45 (3 yr.)
tie 47.	Gardena	33	1	45
1.	Glendale	134	27	430
tie 54.	Hollywood	54	loss 163	26
tie 33.	Huntington Park	41	16	80
8.	Inglewood	93	34	229
21.	La Canada	51	29	113 (2 yr.)
40.	Lakewood	24	9	67 (3 yr.)
37.	Las Vegas	28	6	72 (2 yr.)
22.	Long Beach, Faith	39	8	106
7.	Long Beach, Trinity	102	23	239
9.	Los Angeles, Advent	67	15	195
loss	Los Angeles, Bethany	28	3	loss 34
2.	Los Angeles, First English	202	100	413
loss	Los Angeles, St. Mark's	9	loss 34	loss 11
32.	Los Angeles, Transfiguration	15	13	81 (3 yr.)
tie 33.	Manhattan Beach	97	80	80 (1 yr.)
tie 45.	Monterey Park	24	9	46
tie 17.	North Hollywood	83	none	135
tie 27.	Pasadena	71	10	92
4.	Phoenix, Faith	111	103	324
10.	Phoenix, Grace	207	34	186
tie 38.	Pomona	19	16	71 (3 yr.)
61.	Redlands	4	loss 12	11
19.	Riverside	102	15	131
tie 17.	San Bernardino	40	9	135

HOW WELL DO WE HOLD OUR MEMBERS? (Continued)

Rank in Synod 5 year gains	Congregation	1949 adult accessions	1949 gain in communicants	1945-1949 5 year gain communicants
11.	San Diego, Christ	71	41	183 (3 yr.)
43.	San Diego, First	72	2	57
tie 38.	San Diego, St. Peter's	67	11	71 (4 yr.)
26.	San Fernando	117	100	100 (1 yr.)
tie 27.	Santa Barbara	42	15	92
12.	Santa Monica	79	18	162
5.	Tucson	110	39	312
41.	Westwood	40	30	64
15.	Whittier	56	34	141 (4 yr.)

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP OF AVERAGE CONGREGATION

ULCA	% Communing	Gain over last year	Year	Calif. Synod	% Communing	Gain over last year
215	67.06%	4	1945	195	62.59%	7
224	68.26%	9	1946	207	65.91%	12
225	68.01%	1	1947	213	70.67%	6
227	69.06%	2	1948	220	68.92%	7
			1949	220	70.56%	0

COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP IN CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Year	Churches with membership of 100-199	200-299	300 and up	Largest Congregation	
1894	5	1	none	San Francisco, First Eng.	252
1899	2	3	none	San Francisco, First Eng.	216
1904	2	2	1	Sacramento, St. John's	310
1909	4	none	2	Los Angeles, First Eng.	323
1914	6	none	3	Fresno, Wartburg	436
1919	7	3	1	Los Angeles, First Eng.	484
1924	11	2	2	Los Angeles, First Eng.	650
1929	14	3	2	Fresno, St. Paul's	433
1934	13	3	1	Hollywood	336
1939	12	6	3	Hollywood	400
1944	8	11	7	Glendale	578
1949	23	6	18	Glendale	1008

Year	Number of Confirmed Members not Communing	Percentage of Confirmed Members not Communing
1949	6,058	29.44%
1948	5,913	31.08%
1947	5,219	29.33%
1946	5,574	34.09%
1945	5,373	37.50%

Respectfully submitted,
THE REV. HENRY SCHERER, Statistician

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST

The Archives of Synod have been kept up to date, and repose in a steel filing cabinet in the office of the President of Synod. Assembled every ten years the Minutes duplicate copies have been neatly bound. The Archivist asks authority to continue this custom.

JOHN EDWARD HOICK.

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."
Rev. 14:13

The Rev. William H. Brandes

The Rev. William H. Brandes, retired pastor of synod, died June 19, in Mt. Eden, Calif. He was 92.

Born in Germany, Aug. 25, 1857, he was ordained in 1885 and served independent German Lutheran congregations in Petaluma, St. Helena, and Napa, Calif., until 1896 when he became a member of the California Synod. He served pastorates in Alameda and Sanger until 1930, when he retired from active ministry.

Surviving are two sons, five daughters, fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted June 22 in Alameda by Dr. Earnest A. Trabert, pastor emitus of St. Michael's Church, Berkeley.

The Rev. Homer L. Bosserman

The Rev. Homer L. Bosserman, retired pastor living in Tucson, Ariz., died Aug. 9 at the age of 66.

Educated at Wittenberg College and Chicago Seminary, Pastor Bosserman was ordained by the Ohio Synod in 1910, serving subsequently in Stoutsville, Ohio; Frankfort, Ind.; Minneapolis, Minn.; and Hicksville, Long Island. He was superintendent of Inner Missions in the St. Paul-Minneapolis area, and served in a similar capacity in Brooklyn, N. Y. He retired in 1935 to Tucson where he assisted in the founding and work of Our Saviour's Church.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian; a son, Homer, Jr., of Hicksville, N. Y.; a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Bosserman Grover, of Florida; and a step-daughter, Lois, in Tucson; a brother, the Rev. D. Everett Bosserman, of Augsburg Church, Chicago; and two sisters and a nephew.

The funeral service was conducted in Tucson by the Rev. Titus R. Scholl, pastor of the deceased.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ball

Mrs. Mary E. Ball (nee Messerly) aged 77, widow of the late Rev. Jessie W. Ball, Ph.D., passed suddenly to her eternal home on January 2, 1950, in Arcadia, California.

Born in Ohio, she came to Los Angeles, California, with her parents at the age of twelve. On September 8, 1902, she married Dr. Ball. They served congregations in Kansas City, Mo., Lincoln, Nebr., Los Angeles, California, and Santa Monica, California. She served for five years as President, three years as vice-president and seven years as secretary of the Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Synod of California; two years as president of the W.M.S. of the Southern Conference and one year as president of the Women's Auxiliary of the California Lutheran Hospital.

Three children survive; son, Alpheus Ball of New Jersey, and daughters, Mrs. Maud McCrea of Arcadia, California, and Miss Margaret Ball of Wellesley. Mass., and also five grandchildren. The funeral service was held January 7th, 1950, in San Gabriel and entombment took place in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Respectfully submitted,
THE REV. HOWARD A. ANSPACH, Necrologist.

The President welcomed Treasurer Carl A. Bell, who presented Mr. Wayne Pfundstein to the Convention. Mr. Pfundstein presented:

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1949

ASSETS

Cash		
Cash on hand and in bank	$14,695.77	
Imprest cash funds	750.00	$15,445.77

Notes and Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable—Lutheran Subscriptions	521.86	
Note Receivable	2,500.00	
Trust Deed Note Receivable	3,121.28	6,143.14
Furniture		110.06
		$21,698.97

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions	$ 113.30
Benevolences Undistributed	5,894.13
Special Reserve Fund	*986.51
Designated Reserves	8,509.95
Undesignated Reserves	6,195.08
	$21,698.97

*Special Reserve Fund reflects advances for the Camp in the amount of $6,531.43.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL FUND

Statement of Receipts, Contributions for the Work of the Larger Church and Synod Disbursements

Year Ended December 31, 1949

	Quota or Budget A			Actual
Receipts				
General Apportionment		$107,468.00		$106.867.18
Contributions for the Work of the Larger Church				
United Lutheran Church in America	$36,322.00		$57,847.17	
Midland College	5,500.00		5,500.00	
Central Theological Seminary	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Lutheran Welfare Council—North	300.00		300.00	
Lutheran Welfare Council—South	300.00		300.00	
Total		44,422.00		65.947.17
Synod Operational Income		63,046.00		40,920.01
Synod Disbursements				
Park churches	125.00		125.00	
Synodical Missions	17,000.00		13,725.60	
Church conventions	4,300.00		4,585.12	
General operating expenses	3,725.00		3,573.56	
Synod office expenses	13,740.00		13,690.00	
Other salaries	600.00		600.00	
CHEY	5,000.00		1,290.05	
Special Relief	000.00			
Total		44,990.00		37,589.33
Balance		$18,056.00		$ 3,330.68

APPORTIONMENT RECEIPTS

Year Ended December 31, 1949

	Apportionment Received	Per Cent	Lutheran World Action	Other Benevolences	Total Received
Alhambra, Our Saviours	$ 142.00	100%	$ 80.00	$ 30.00	$ 252.00
Alhambra, Calif. Lutheran Home	208.54	100%	38.10		246.64
Alhambra, Grace	2,264.65	101%	200.00		2,464.65
Altadena, Altadena	924.00	100%	232.00	53.49	1,207.49
Oakland, St. Michael's	1,704.00	100%	554.18	14.63	2,272.81
Los Angeles, Beverly Hills	860.00	51%			860.00
Burbank, Lutheran Memorial	900.40	100%	71.15		972.55
Culver City, Grace	921.00	101%	230.00	50.00	1,201.00
El Monte, Redeemer	350.13	101%	45.51	23.00	418.64
Fresno, St. Paul's	683.37	59%	107.01		790.38
Fresno, Wartburg	300.00	100%	74.00		374.00
Fresno, First	1,960.00	100%	490.04		2,450.04
Gardena, St. John's	1,044.00	100%	46.06		1,090.06
Glendale, First	7,900.00	101%	2,024.58	1,301.20	11,225.78
Hollywood, Hollywood	4,135.49	73%	62.71	1,035.67	5,233.87
Honolulu, Honolulu	1,655.44	112%	411.46	170.28	2,237.18
Honolulu, Friendship Chapel	114.65	100%	21.83		136.48
Honolulu, Kaimuki Mission	40.85	100%	26.06		66.91
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	2,748.00	100%	319.71	60.00	3,127.71
Inglewood, Holy Trinity	2,976.00	100%		5.00	2,981.00
La Canada, Church in the Foothills	672.00	100%	168.00		840.00
Las Vegas, Reformation	547.95	104%	3.25	32.23	583.43
Lihue, Lihue	120.00	100%		7.20	127.20
Long Beach, Faith	784.36	101%	132.90	76.75	994.01
Long Beach, Lakewood	520.48	111%	130.12	60.81	711.41
Long Beach, Trinity	3,876.00	100%	1,172.00	10.00	5.058.00
Los Angeles, Advent	2.580.00	100%	671.05	43.95	3.295.00
Los Anegels, Bethany	1,044.00	100%			1,044.00
Los Angeles, First English	5,660.00	101%	1,500.00	1,191.00	8,351.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	1,272.00	100%	335.36	127.05	1,734.41
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	624.00	100%	163.14		787.14
Los Angeles, Transfiguration	540.08	100%	136.00	15.00	691.08
Manhattan Beach, Trinity	100.00	100%			100.00
North Hollywood, St. Mathew's	3,084.00	100%	870.00	448.80	4.402.80
Oakland, First English	2,782.51	132%	556.76	325.00	3,664.27
Oakland, St. John's	816.00	100%	73.75		889.75
Pasadena, Trinity	3,120.00	100%	1,181.48	45.70	4.347.18
Phoenix, Faith	1,768.00	100%	692.00	220.00	2,680.00
Phoenix, Grace	5,920.00	100%	1,480.00		7,400.00
Pomona, Trinity	469.00	106%	110.27	218.07	797.34
Redlands, First	840.00	100%	105.00		945.00
Redding, St. James	11.00	100%	11.00	99.73	121.73
Reno, Good Shephard	660.00	104%	90.00		750.00
Richmond, Grace	4,080.00	100%	1,020.00	684.00	5,784.00
Richmond, St. James	386.00	100%	96.00		482.00
Riverside, Trinity	1,480.00	100%	326.80	24.00	1,830.80
Sacramento, First	2,088.00	100%	593.53	67.46	2,748.99
Sacramento, St. John's	5,004.00	100%	1,462.11	30.00	6,496.11
Sacramento, St. Paul's	552.00	102%	190.00		742.00
San Bernardino, First	1,908.00	100%	500.00		2,408.00
San Diego, Christ's	1,140.00	100%	284.00	180.00	1,604.00
San Diego, First	2,640.00	100%	427.19	45.10	3,112.29

San Diego, St. Peter's	480.00	100%	120.00		600.00
San Fernando, St. Mark's	186.00	100%	34.00		220.00
San Francisco, First English	516.00	100%	128.00		644.00
San Francisco, St. Mark's	3,204.00	100%	524.00	490.00	4,218.00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	1,056.00	100%	264.00	170.00	1,490.00
San Francisco, Temple	636.00	104%	160.00	13.50	808.50
Sanger, St. Paul's	400.00	101%	100.00		500.00
San Jose, Grace	1,114.76	100%	280.41	41.80	1,436.97
San Leandro, Epiphany	117.90	100%	54.60	136.25	308.75
San Mateo, St. Andrew's	1,048.03	100%	262.00		1,310.03
Santa Barbara, Grace	1,051.00	103%	544.60	344.25	1,939.85
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	2,940.70	101%	726.00		3,666.70
Tucson, Our Saviour's	2,184.00	100%	546.00	25.00	2,755.00
Vallejo, St. Paul's	1,083.94	100%	300.12	167.85	1,551.91
Van Nuys Mission	10.00	100%	20.00		30.00
Westwood, Westwood Village	780.00	100%			780.00
Whittier, Salem	852.00	100%	235.00		1,087.00
Yreka, Mt. Zion	300.60	109%	100.00		400.60
Women's Missionary Society				1,311.91	1,311.91
Lutheran Brotherhood, Southern Conference				1,236.66	1,236.66
	$106.867.18	99.4%	$23,929.49	$10,632.34	$141,429.01

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — NORTHERN CONFERENCE

(For year beginning Jan. 1, 1950)

	Communing Members	Apportionment Per Mo.	Apportionment Total	Lutheran World Action	CHEY
Berkeley, St. Michael's	173	$ 115.00	$ 1,380.00	$ 260.00	$ 865.00
Fresno, First	251	167.00	2,004.00	377.00	1,255.00
Fresno, St. Paul's	145	97.00	1,164.00	218.00	725.00
Fresno, Wartburg	37	25.00	300.00	56.00	185.00
Honolulu, Honolulu	159	106.00	1,272.00	239.00	795.00
Lihue, Lihue	30	20.00	240.00	45.00	150.00
Oakland, First	300	200.00	2,400.00	450.00	1,500.00
Oakland, St. John's	104	69.00	828.00	156.00	520.00
Redding, St. James	42	28.00	336.00	63.00	210.00
Reno, Nev., Good Shepherd	101	67.00	804.00	152.00	505.00
Richmond, Grace	530	353.00	4,236.00	795.00	2,650.00
Richmond, St. James	46	32.00	384.00	69.00	230.00
Sacramento, First English	265	177.00	2,124.00	398.00	1,325.00
Sacramento, St. John's	701	467.00	5,604.00	1,052.00	3,505.00
Sacramento, St. Paul's	91	61.00	732.00	137.00	455.00
San Francisco, First English	69	46.00	552.00	104.00	345.00
San Francisco, St. Mark's	366	244.00	2,928.00	549.00	1,830.00
San Francisco, St. Matthew's	132	88.00	1,056.00	198.00	660.00
San Francisco, Temple	88	59.00	708.00	132.00	440.00
Sanger, St. Paul's	54	36.00	432.00	81.00	270.00
San Jose, Grace	169	113.00	1,356.00	254.00	845.00
San Leandro, Epiphany	101	67.00	804.00	152.00	505.00
San Mateo, St. Andrew's	145	97.00	1,164.00	218.00	725.00
Vallejo, St. Paul's	201	134.00	1,608.00	302.00	1,005.00
Yreka, Mt. Zion	52	35.00	420.00	78.00	260.00
Northern Conference Total	4,352	$2,903.00	$34,836.00	$6,535.00	$21,760.00

APPORTIONMENT TABLE — SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

(For year beginning Jan. 1, 1950)

	Communing Members	Apportionment Per Mo.	Apportionment Total	Lutheran World Action	CHEY
Alhambra, Grace	261	$ 174.00	$ 2,088.00	$ 392.00	$ 1,305.00
Alhambpra, Our Saviour's	40	27.00	324.00	60.00	200.00
Altadena, Altadena	137	91.00	1,092.00	206.00	685.00
Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills	180	120.00	1,440.00	270.00	900.00
Burbank, Luther Memorial	120	80.00	960.00	180.00	600.00
Culver City, Grace	148	99.00	1,188.00	222.00	740.00
El Monte, Redeemer	45	30.00	360.00	68.00	225.00
Gardena, St. John's	132	88.00	1,056.00	198.00	660.00
Glendale, First	1,008	672.00	8,064.00	1,512.00	5,040.00
Hollywood, Hollywood	539	359.00	4,308.00	809.00	2,695.00
Huntington Park, St. Luke's	359	239.00	2,868.00	539.00	1,795.00
Inglewood, Holy Trinity	405	270.00	3,240.00	608.00	2,025.00
La Canada, Foothills	113	75.00	900.00	170.00	565.00
Lakewood, Lakewood	67	45.00	540.00	101.00	335.00
Las Vegas, Nev., Reformation	72	48.00	576.00	108.00	360.00
Long Beach, Faith	106	71.00	852.00	159.00	530.00
Long Beach, Trinity	507	338.00	4,056.00	761.00	2,535.00
Los Angeles, Advent	337	225.00	2,700.00	506.00	1,685.00
Los Angeles, Bethany	133	89.00	1,068.00	200.00	665.00
Los Angeles, First English	800	533.00	6,396.00	1,200.00	4,000.00
Los Angeles, St. Mark's	125	83.00	996.00	198.00	625.00
Los Angeles, Transfiguration	81	54.00	648.00	122.00	405.00
Manhattan Beach, Trinity	80	53.00	636.00	120.00	400.00
Monterey Park, St. Paul's	87	58.00	696.00	131.00	435.00
No. Hollywood, St. Matthew's	385	257.00	3,084.00	578.00	1,925.00
Pasadena, Trinity	400	267.00	3,204.00	600.00	2,000.00
Phoenix, Ariz., Faith	324	216.00	2,592.00	486.00	1,620.00
Phoenix, Ariz., Grace	774	516.00	6,192.00	1,161.00	3,870.00
Pomona, Trinity	71	47.00	564.00	107.00	355.00
Redlands, First	93	62.00	744.00	140.00	465.00
Riverside, Trinity	200	133.00	1,596.00	300.00	1,000.00
San Bernardino, First	248	166.00	1,992.00	372.00	1,240.00
San Diego, Christ	183	122.00	1,464.00	275.00	915.00
San Diego, First	332	221.00	2,652.00	498.00	1,660.00
San Diego, St. Peter's	71	47.00	564.00	107.00	355.00
San Fernando, St. Mark's	100	67.00	804.00	150.00	500.00
Santa Barbara, Grace	142	95.00	1,140.00	213.00	710.00
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	381	254.00	3,048.00	572.00	1,905.00
Tucson, Ariz., Our Saviour's	312	208.00	2,496.00	468.00	1,560.00
Westwood, Village	128	85.00	1,020.00	192.00	640.00
Whittier, Salem	141	94.00	1,128.00	212.00	705.00
Southern Conference Total	10,167	$6,778.00	$ 81,336.00	$15,271.00	$50,835.00
Total for Synod	14,519	$9,681.00	$116,172.00	$21,806.00	$72,595.00

The Evangelical Luthern Synod of California

CAMP YOLIJWA

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1949

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Petty Cash	$ 200.00	
Savings Account	197.88	
Cash in Bank	7.79	$ 405.67
Property and Equipment		
Lease and Equipment	2,538.30	
Furnishings	1,980.42	
Camp Improvements	6,931.42	11,450.14
		$11,855.81

LIABILITIES

Note Payable	$ 6,531.43
Net Worth	5,324.38
	$11,855.81

CAMP YOLIJWA

Statement of Operations and

Receipts from Other Sources

Year Ended December 31, 1949

Income from Camp		
Registrations	$ 645.50	
Board	2,085.75	
Bus transportation	204.65	
Store sales	254.88	
Books sold	126.50	
Miscellaneous	270.86	$3,588.14
Synod apportionment		3,500.00
		$7,088.14
Expenses		
Repairs and maintenance	333.14	
Operating supplies	521.87	
Food and kitchen supplies	1,992.13	
Taxes	109.16	
Salaries	1,083.00	
Travel	50.01	
Stationery, supplies, promotion	760.36	
Insurance	198.27	
Office supplies	28.06	
Crafts and recreational materials	56.22	
Store purchases	106.05	
Medical supplies	19.12	
Jeep expenses	166.62	
Bus transportation	375.00	
Miscellaneous	381.05	
Total expenses		6,180.06
Operating balance		908.08

Receipts from Other Sources		
Churches	560.13	
Lutheran Brotherhood So. Conference	1,141.66	
Offerings	197.88	1,899.67
Total operating balance and receipts from other sources		$2,807.75
Property and Improvements added in 1949		
Furnishings and Equipment	$1,044.81	
Camp Improvements	2,333.82	
	$3,378.63	

CHURCH EXTENSION DIVISION

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1949

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash	$ 3,367.03	
Imprest cash fund	500.00	
Accounts Receivable	345.42	
Note Receivable	27,840.67	$32,053.12
Construction Accounts		
Altadena Lutheran, Altadena	8,534.61	
St. Luke's, Huntington Park	40.12	
First English, San Francisco	6,656.16	
St. Andrew's, San Mateo	3,243.77	
St. Paul's, Vallejo	345.33	18,819.99
Fixed Assets		
Automotive Equipment	2,184.10	
Construction Equipment	1,524.73	
Furniture and Equipment	354.72	4,063.55
Insurance Deposits		393.00
		$55,329.66

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities		
Notes Payable	$40,000.00	
Withholding taxes	86.60	$40,086.60
Net Worth		
Balance—January 1, 1949	5,495.23	
Increase in 1949	9,747.83	15,243.06
		$55,329.66

CHURCH EXTENSION DIVISION

Statement of Income and Expense

Year Ended December 31, 1949

Income		
Church Extension Receipts	$20,387.36	
B.A.M. Assistance	2,400.00	
Miscellaneous	563.12	
Total Income		$23,350.48
Expenses		
Salary—Church Extension Director	4,800.00	
Salaries—Office	1,227.00	
Supplies	182.95	

Auto and truck expense	653.36	
Office expenses	304.09	
Insurance	362.66	
Travel allowances	226.83	
Bank charges—imprinting	10.32	
Accounting and auditing	915.00	
Printing	146.27	
Miscellaneous	158.98	
Mission Assistance	2,530.00	
Interest	1,681.25	
Executive committee expense	303.94	
Special construction work	100.00	
Total Expense		13,602.65
Net Increase		$ 9,747.83

SYNODICAL MISSIONS

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1949

ASSETS

Loans Receivable	$ 2,153.09
Due from Churches in connection with the financing of Parsonages and Church properties	12,541.74
	$14,694.83

LIABILITIES AND INVESTMENT

Due General Fund	$ 7,895.14*
Investment	6,799.69
	$14,694.83

*This amount due General Fund has been absorbed in the 1949 Budget and therefore becomes a part of the total investment in Synodical Missions.

SYNODICAL MISSIONS

Analysis of the Amounts Due from Churches in Connection with Financing Parsonages and Church Properties

December 31, 1949

Building Costs	$165,563.44
Disbursements for:	
Interest, taxes, insurance and repairs	15,821.33
Other disbursements	6,762.60
Total	188,147.37
Deduct Loans on Parsonages and Church Properties	147,309.44
	40,837.93
Receipts for rental allowances and miscellaneous	28,296.19
	$ 12,541.74

Note:

This analysis includes those properties on our records at December 31, 1949, showing the accumulated figures from beginning of the Synodical Mission program.

THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1949

ASSETS

	Cost	Reserve	Net	
Current Assets				
Cash				$ 11,981.54
Fixed Assets				
Land	$ 33,500.00		$33,500.00	
Buildings	76,022.50	$4,278.62	71,743.88	
Furnishings	18,243.86	4,461.23	13,782.63	
Cottages	24,054.95		24,054.95	
	$151,821.31	$8,739.85		143,081.46
Other Assets				
Food Inventory			325.00	
Stocks and Bonds			100.00	425.00
				155,488.00

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities			
Income tax withheld			$ 127.80
Notes Payable			15,000.00
Deposit Accounts			11,258.62
Designated Funds			837.30
Net Worth			
Balance Jan. 1, 1949		$113,779.71	
Special Gifts		20,000.00	
Net Income for the year		227.96	
		$134,007.67	
Deprecaition reserve for 1949	$3,329.83		
Apportionment adjusted for 1948	2,413.56	5,743.39	128,264.28
			$155,488.00

THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME

Statement of Income and Expense

Year Ended December 31, 1949

Income		
Receipts for care	$14,809.50	
Gifts from Churches	679.21	
Appropriated receipts	3,632.57	
Miscellaneous	385.95	
Interest	890.97	
Cottage utilities	180.00	
Synod apportionment	500.00	
Total Income		$21,078.20
Expenses		
Salaries	8,871.05	
Utilities	1,470.37	
Telephone	66.05	
Maintenance	1,513.60	
Stationery and printing	87.72	
Insurance	171.58	
Taxes and licenses	49.16	
Food	4,672.63	
Supplies	437.11	
Travel	372.46	

Accounting	600.00	
Auditing	250.00	
Postage	39.45	
Laundry	762.86	
Medical	328.57	
Blue Cross	72.35	
Auto expense	35.28	
Interest	1,050.00	
Total Expense		20,850.24
Net Increase		$ 227.96

COMMENTS

GENERAL FUND

The cash received and disbursed during the year were traced to the bank statements and the amounts reported by the bank were reconciled with the amounts shown in the balance sheets.

Notes and accounts receivable were confirmed and the amount advanced for Lutheran subscriptions is in agreement with the statement of the United Lutheran Publication House.

The Special Reserve Fund shows the following changes during the year:

Balance, January 1, 1949	$8,521.19	
Interest Received	196.75	$8,717.94
Contributed to the Home	$1,200.00	
Note Receivable	6,531.43	7,731.43
Balance, December 31, 1949		$ 986.51

The Note Receivable of $6,531.43 due from Camp Yolijwa was deducted from the Special Reserve Fund upon authorization of the Executive Committee, said amount to be amortized by Synod at the rate of $100.00 per month.

During the year certain items of the 1949 budget were set aside for Reserves for future use. These reserves are:

U.L.C.A. Delegate Expense	$ 700.00
Special Relief	500.00
Annual Theological Lectures	600.00
The California Lutheran Home	3,000.00
CHEY	3,709.95
	$8,509.95

A review of the Statement of Receipts, Contributions for the work of the larger Church and Synod disbursements is gratifying even though the churches in Synod fell short of the quota set for 1949. The details of receipts from churches for general apportionment shows all except three churches at 100% or better.

The terms Designated and Undesignated Reserves are used to more fully describe the intended use of the funds. Reserves captioned "Designated" are reserves set up for specific purposes whereas "Undesignated Reserves" are reserves for general operation. That portion of the receipts not used in the Budgets from year to year is accumulated in the Undesignated Reserves account.

CAMP YOLIJWA

The total operating balance and receipts from other sources for the year in the amount of $2,807.75 shows an increase in the operations of the Camp. While this is a substantial increase, it is to be pointed out that this was made possible through the full use of the allowable budget of $3,500.00 from Synod apportionment. Included in this increase is the amount of $1,141.86 received from the combined efforts of the Lutheran Brotherhood Southern Conference.

During the year the assets of the Camp were enhanced to the extent of furnishings, equipment and camp improvements totaling $3,378.63.

CHURCH EXTENSION DIVISION

The program of building churches during 1949 was carried out on a similar program to that of 1948 wherein Synod, in serving as contractor, pays the cost of construction, submits statements for reimbursement, for which it receives a 10% of actual cost fee. This income is used to pay all expenses of operation and the salary ot the Director.

The net worth which now exceeds $15,000.00, shows the progress made since the inauguration of this program. It is necessary that the Division continue to borrow money from outside sources to do this work.

Construction equipment is now owned by the Division in the amount of $1,524.73 which enables the Church Extension Director to effect greater savings in the various construction jobs.

SYNODICAL MISSIONS

In reviewing the balance sheet of the Synodical Missions it is noted that Synod has an investment of $14,694.83. This does not reflect the many benefits enjoyed by Synod and the various Missions in starting new Missions. By reference to the analysis of amounts due from Churches in connection with financing the parsonages and Church properties, it should be noted that the Synod Mission assets total $188,000.00 with existing loan balances of $147,000.00, leaving an equity of nearly $41,000.00.

Synod continued the financing program in a similar manner to the program carried out in the previous years. Monies are borrowed from banks, the Board of American Missions and other sources to provide capital for the financing. Rent allowances and gifts are received to meet loan payments, pay taxes, interest, insurance and other miscellaneous expenses. When income from such sources is not sufficient the balance is taken from the Home Missions funds of Synoidcal Budget. At the close of the year the Synodical Missions was indebted to Synod in the amount of $7,895.14, which amount was absorbed in the budget for the year 1949.

THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME

The California Lutheran Home for the Aged, a California corporation, was organized October 31, 1947, as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of caring for the aged folks. A statement showing a comparison between the balance sheet for the years ended December 31, 1948 and December 31, 1949 follows:

Particulars	Dec. 31, 1948	Dec. 31, 1949	Increase* Decrease
Cash	$ 17,505.26	$ 11,981.54	$ 5,523.72
Due from other Funds	2,413.56		2,413.56
Note Receivable	13,000.00		13,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	100.00		
Property and Equipment	133,626.57	143,081.46	9,454.89*
Other Assets	508.22	325.00	183.22
	$167,153.61	$155,488.00	$11,665.61*
Note Payable	$ 30,800.00	$ 15,000.00	$15,800.00
Accounts Payable	550.28	127.80	422.48
Guest Advances for Care	11,523.62	11,258.62	265.00
Designated Funds		837.30	837.30*
Special Gifts for Construction of Cottages	10,500.00	20,000.00	9,500.00*
Surplus	113,779.71	108,264.28	5,515.43
	$167,153.61	$155,488.00	$11,665.61

The source and application of funds for the year 1949 shows the sources of funds for the year and how the funds were applied. This statement of sources and application of funds follows below:

Source:

Increase in net worth from operations for the year	$ 227.96
Increase in advances for construction of cottages	9,500.00
Increase in designated funds	837.30
Decrease in amount of cash on hand	5,523.72
Collection on Notes Receivable	13,000.00
Reduction in other assets	183.22
	$29,272.20

Applied To:

Property and Equipment	$12,784.72
Payments on Notes Payable	15,800.00
Reduce amounts owing for payroll taxes	422.48
Decrease advances from guests for care	265.00
	$29,272.20

A review of the statement of income and expense for the year shows an increase of $227.96 of income over expense. Synod provided $3,500.00 in the 1949 Budget for assistance to the Home. However, of this amount only $500.00 was used with the remainder of $3,000.00 being set aside in the General Fund as a Designated Reserve for future use.

CONCLUSION

After serving a year as the Comptroller of Synod I have found that the operations of Synod are in a healthy financial condition. The books and records are posted daily. Bills are paid regularly without any delays; receipts are checked and the funds and accounts receivable are studied weekly, so that the accounts for all sources are kept current. At the present time there are no uncollectable accounts. There are balances in all funds which make it possible for a continued steady development of the transactions of Synod.

I am happy to report the above to Synod and I have enjoyed the privilege of serving the Lord in this capacity.

WAYNE PFUNDSTEIN

The Executive Committee
The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California
3119 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California

The financial reports covering the results of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California and The California Lutheran Home for the year ended December 31, 1949 are presented herein.

The report covers the period from January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949 based upon the Budget for the year 1949 which was approved by the Synod in Convention held last May. Since the Budget of this Synod has been operated on the calendar year basis, it must not be confused with the Budget of the United Lutheran Church in America or of the National Lutheran Council for Lutheran World Action. Their accounts are arranged on a period from the middle of January to the middle of January rather than on a true calendar year.

During the time from January 1st to April 15th most auditors are in their heaviest period of operation and, due to this fact, the Executive Committee authorized the examination of the financial reports by an Auditing Committee following this date. I am therefore presenting my report as the Comptroller of Synod in much the same manner as I presented the Auditor's report of last year, and it is presented to Synod for acceptance subject to the review and recommendations of this Committee.

WAYNE PFUNDSTEIN

The motion prevailed that the Auditor's report be adopted subject to an audit by a special Auditing Committee and acceptance of their Report by the Executive Committee.

The motion prevailed that the Committee on Resolutions be instructed to bring in a resolution expressing the Synod's gratitude to Mr. Pfundstein for his excellent services.

Mrs. Louise Miller, retired Missionary from India, was presented to the Convention and warmly welcomed by the President.

The Secretary of Synod presented:

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In fulfilling its constitutional functions, your Executive Committee held three regular and one special meetings since the last convention of Synod.

Your Committee arranged for the editing, printing, and distribution of the Minutes of the 1949 Convention of the California Synod.

Your Committee accepted the resignation of Mr. Fritz J. Bowman from the Executive Committee and from the Board of Directors of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. The Hon. Henry Draeger was appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Executive Committee and Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl was appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

The Committee arranged for the appointment of a permanent Finance Committee; the duties of such a committee to be the preparation of the annual budget, and the careful watching of the Synod's finances.

The Committee made a grant of $1,000.00 to the Board of Directors of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary to be used in meeting the expenses of Board meetings and the setting up of an office.

Your Committee recommended to all member congregations of Synod that no congregation accept any quota from any group ouside the Synod without the specific approval of the Executive Committee of the Synod.

Your Committee studied and approved Salary Aid applications from mission congregations for the year 1950.

It appointed Committees to promote the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal and the United Lutheran Evangelism Campaign in the Synod.

It authorized the sale of the former property of St. James Lutheran Church, Richmond, California.

It advanced $500.00 to the CHEY COMMITTEE for use as a working fund.

It made arrangements for the installation of the President of Synod at this convention.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Executive Committee presents the following recommendations:

1. That the following congregations be received into the Synod, subject to the approval of their constitutions by the Committee on Constitutions:
   The Ev. Lutheran Church of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
   St. Pauls Lutheran Church, Kaimuki, Honolulu, T. H.
2. That every non-participating pastor and every non-participating Congregation in the Synod be approached during 1950 to enter the Contributory Pension Plan of the United Lutheran Church in America.
3. That the Synod authorize a campaign for subscriptions to THE LUTHERAN, for September, October, November, 1950.
4. That the following be approved as the official budget for Synod for the year 1950: (budget based on the rate of $8.00 per communing member).

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

The motion prevailed that the recommendations in the report be adopted seriatim. **Item No. 1** was adopted by a rising vote. The Rev. Everett Jensen, Organizer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kaimuki, Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, was presented to the Synod. Following the reception into Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and the St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Kaimuki, the Synod in gratitude to God for the accomplishments already reported from our Missionary Field in the Territory of Hawaii, and having heard with thanksgiving and joy the President's announcement that the Luther League of America in its current biennium is calling upon the Youth of the Church to raise a fund of $25,000 to aid with the erection of a house of worship for St. Paul's Congregation in the Kaimuki Section of Honolulu, unanimously approved the following resolution:

"The Evangelical Luthern Synod of California expresses profound appreciation to the Luther League of America for its choice of the project in the Territory of Hawaii as its special mission objective in the years 1949-1950-1951, and prays God's blessing upon the Youth people of our congrega-

tion as they dedicate their gifts to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in this vital crossroads of the East and West.

Item No. 2 was adopted. **Item No. 3** was adopted. Mr. Howard Logan, Manager of "The Lutheran" publication in Los Angeles was presented to the Convention and thanked for his excellent service to the church. Action on **Item No. 4** was deferred until the first session on Wednesday.

The Tellers report the election of the following Officers:

Secretary.....The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert
Treasurer.....Mr. Carl A. Bell
Statistician.....The Rev. Henry Scherer
Archivist.....The Rev. Edward J. Hoick, D.D.

The motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Dr. Hoick as the Historian of the Synod.

The Rev. Royal E. Lesher, D.D., and Secretary of Evangelism of the United Lutheran Churches in America, was presented to the Convention and welcomed by the President.

Dr. Beasom presented:

HOME MISSION REPORT

The Home Mission work of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California is carried on as one of the functions of the Executive Committee of Synod by authorization of the Synodical constitution. The following table will show you the status of the organized mission congregations as of November 1, 1949, with the recommendations for salary aid as well as the membership of the congregation as of January 1, 1949.

	Year Organ.	Membership Conf.	Comm.	S.S.	Debt Church Ext.	Synod Recom.
Altadena, Altadena	1944	157	122	194	28,075.00	2640
Alhambra, Our Saviour's	1949	54	41	45	———	2100
Ashland, Epiphany	1949	112	66	—	———	3120
Berkeley, St. Michael's	——	287	213	—	6,740.00	——
Burbank, Luther Memorial	1946	173	120	100	19,000.00	2820
Culver City, Grace	1945	206	146	150	13,400.00	2160
El Monte, Redeemer	1947	83	50	50	13,500.00	2400
Holy Trinity, Inglewood	1941	(self supporting)			26,500,00	——
La Canada, Church in Foothills	1948	138	110	68	14,262.00	2520
Las Vegas, Reformation	1948	92	70	49	5,000.00	2160
Lihue-Lihue	——	10	15	—	———	2400
Long Beach, Faith	1945	158	99	150	11,962.50	2040
Long Beach, Lakewood	1947	65	61	110	5,935.00	2580
Los Angeles, Advent	——	356	322	—	8,400.00	——
Los Angeles, Beverly Hills	——	319	210	—	9,500.00	——
Los Angeles, St. Paul's	1914	119	78	45	14,887.50	1860
Los Angeles, Transfiguration	1947	114	70	157	17,875.00	2880
Manhattan Beach	1949	92	88	50	12,975.00	3120
Oakland, St. John	——	166	102	—	250.00	——
Phoenix, Faith	1945	266	221	325	34,800.00	1740
Pomona, Trinity	1947	72	62	50	5,313.00	2160
Redding, St. James	1949	62	62	58	1,000.00	2400
Reno, Good Shepherd	1947	100	90	65	17,700.00	2760
Richmond, St. James	1946	92	48	55	13,012.50	2520
Sacramento, St. Paul's	1945	96	83	197	23,160.00	1980
San Bernardino, First	——	594	330	—	3,650.00	——
San Diego, Christ	1947	194	170	280	29,250.00	2940
San Diego, First	——	594	330	—	9,550.00	——

San Diego, St. Peter	1946	92	67	135	17,775.00	2700
San Fernando, St. Mark's	1949	109	88	61	———	2700
San Francisco, First	1885	78	66	29	21,000.00	1860
San Francisco, Temple	1916	138	80	105	———	540
San Jose, Grace	——	270	139	—	1,775.00	——
San Mateo, St. Andrew's	1944	162	136	110	34,881.25	1500
Santa Barbara, Grace	1904	191	132	75	1,700.00	780
Santa Monica, St. Paul's	1926	551	363	235	30,000.00	——
Tucson, Our Saviour's	1945	373	303	200	27,550.00	2280
Vallejo, St. Paul's	1943	286	191	196	29,200.00	840
Whittier, Salem	1946	179	125	197	16,800.00	2760
Yreka, Mt. Zion	1947	67	45	56	10,000.00	2100

Respectfully, submitted,
JAMES PRINCE BEASOM, JR., President.

FIELDS READY FOR ORGANIZATION

Globe, Arizona—Missionary Jack Glidewell

Van Nuys, California—Missionary George Steffens

Kaimuki, T.H.—Missionary Everett Jensen

Pearl Harbor, T.H.—Missionary Everett Jensen

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California will be eternally grateful to the United Lutheran Church in America which has through its Executive Board and the Board of American Missions, as well as the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, contributed so heavily to the missionary program and with faith in the work of the California Synod has invested so much of its financial resources. The officers of Synod would like to express to the membership of all of these Boards and Agencies of the Church their profound appreciation.

The report was adopted.

The Session was adjourned and followtd by a lecture by the Rev. Oscar Carlson on the theme "THE CHURCH SUFFUSED WITH EVANGELISM—THE CONGREGATION GEARED TO ITS TASK."

A service of Holy Communion was held in St. Luke's Church beginning at 8:00 P.M., with the following officiating:

Homilist.....The Rev. James P. Beasom, D.D.
Liturgist.....The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert
Lector.....The Rev. Charles P. Smith
Administors....The Rev. Robert S. Romeis, The Rev. Carl V. Tambert

THIRD SESSION

Huntington Park, California, 9:00 A.M., February 1, 1950

The Third Session was opened with a Memorial Session conducted by The Rev. Howard A. Anspach, D.D., assisted by The Rev. H. Paul Romeis, The Rev. Titus R. Scholl and Mrs. Edward J. Hoick, commemorating The Rev. William Brandes, The Rev. Homer Bosserman and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ball.

The Business Session was opened with Prayer, led by The Rev. Carl V. Tambert.

The motion prevailed that the minutes of the Second Session be approved as distributed.

The Secretary presented: Item 4 of the Executive Committee Report.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was adopted.

OFFICIAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1950

I. FOR THE WORK OF THE LARGER CHURCH:		
U.L.C.A. Apportionment	$66,901.00	
Midland College	5,500.00	
Central Seminary	1,000.00	$ 73,301.00
Lutheran Welfare Council (North)	300.00	
Lutheran Welfare Council (South)	300.00	600.00
II. PARK CHURCHES		
Yosemite	75.00	
Sequoia	50.00	125.00
III. SYNODICAL MISSIONS		
Home Missions	3,000.00	
California Lutheran Home	1,500.00	
Ministerial Education	2,000.00	
Youth Camping	2,500.00	
Youth Camp Transportation from North	500.00	9,500.00
IV. CHURCH CONVENTIONS		
Synodical Delegates Expenses	2,000.00	
Synodical Convention Expenses	200.00	
Minutes of Synod	1,000.00	
U.L.C.A. Convention Expenses	700.00	3,900.00
V. GENERAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		
Golden State Lutheran	1,000.00	
Synodical Operating Expenses	1,100.00	
Meetings of Executive Committee	1,600.00	
Other Committee Expenses	200.00	
Statistician's Expenses	100.00	
Secretary of Synod's Expenses	250.00	
Bonding Costs of Synod Officers	375.00	4,625.00
VI. SYNODICAL OFFICE EXPENSES		
Salary of the President of Synod	6,000.00	
Expenses of the President of Synod	4,500.00	
Pension of the President of Synod	240.00	
Office Utilities	600.00	
Office Secretary's Salary	2,400.00	13,740.00
VII. OTHER SALARIES		
Comptroller of Synod	600.00	600.00
A. Budget Total		$106,391.00
B. Budget (Mission Reserve)		5,000.00
C. Budget Lutheran World Action		21,261.82
GRAND TOTAL		$132,652.82

With the consent of the Convention, the President ruled that the Lutheran World Action quota per Synod be included in the printed copy of the Budget.

The Rev. Harold J. Lorimer presented:

REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE ADVISOR

The object of the Luther League is "to stimulate Christian activity among the youth of our church, and to foster the spirit of loyalty to the church," further aims are to encourage the young to serve the church actively and to help them live consecrated Christian lives.

An appraisal of the Luther League work in this District, to be correct, should be made on the basis of its primary objectives. We report the several annual events, the rallies and conventions, with their usual results in an upsurge oi enthusiasm. But to judge the success of our efforts we need to measure it in terms of an added impetus to the local League program and on an intensified participation of the Leaguers in the work of the local congregation. It is our desire to insure these benefits in the future. While there are Leagues in the District that are notably vital and constructive, they are too few in number. And there are several of our congregations that have no organized group of young people.

There is everything to be gained by a congregation and its pastor in having a Luther League. Where there is none, one should be organized—and every assistance will be given to it. But, more, it is evident that many Leaguers require more attention than they have received. Youth must be served, if they are in turn to serve. Congregations would be wise if they would make themselves more aware of the existence of youth, of their needs, and of their value in terms of the church of tomorrow. More support should be given to the youth activities within the church, and more opportunity should be given the young people to express themselves in direct service to the church.

It is the plea of this report that greater emphasis be given this year to the life and program of our youth. In our church that means the Luther League, for it is the official young peoples' organization of the United Lutheran Church in America. We beseech the pastors to personally evaluate the youth activity in their own churches, and to give impetus to an increased effort in its behalf. Adult leadership is essential, and guidance by a counselor is of greatest importance. A consecrated lay leader should be provided, but where none is available it will be necessary for the pastor to assume the responsibility.

Let us enter more whole heartedly into this highly important part of the Kingdom work. As we view the magnitude of the program—in relation to its possibilities and its promise—we know we haven't even begun. Let us begin NOW.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. LORIMER

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Theodore A. Younquist presented:

REPORT OF THE PASTORAL ADVISOR OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE

Playing host to the Synodical Convention in Sacramento over the Labor Day weekend was the most important work of the Northern District Luther League. The Synodical Convention proved to be a great help in inspiring the Leaguers to the need and place of young people in the Church, and the particular work of the Luther League of America.

In May the District Convention was held in First Church, Sacramento. Robert Horn was reelected to the presidency and it was decided to have only one convention of the district each year—in the spring. The Synodical Convention is to replace the fall rally, and the work of the district in between these times will be carried on by area meetings.

The District project for '48-'49 was the Mount Cross Camp. For '49-'50 the project will be Lutheran Welfare. We hope by the use of these projects to acquaint the Leaguers with the scope of the work of the Church, and have them feel that they are contributing to this work.

Many of the missions of the North have not as yet been able to organize Luther Leagues, but we hope the time will soon come when each congregation will have an active League. The problem of distance and separation of churches still confronts us. Our conventions are only partially successful because of the problems of transportation, driving time, lodging, etc., involved in getting together. We believe that in spite of this, the pastors interested in the young people will be able to carry on and expand the work in the local congregation and then spread out to the District and the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. YOUNGQUIST

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser presented:

REPORT OF SYNODICAL LUTHER LEAGUE

Another year of service has been accorded the Synodical Luther League and, in spite of the distances involved, the bonds of co-operation and fellowship between the local leagues have been strengthened considerably.

The Third Annual Convention of the Synodical League was held in St. John's Church, Sacramento, over the Labor Day Week-end. All three churches of Sacramento assisted in entertaining the delegates and all report a most cordial welcome and generous hospitality. The presence of the Rev. William J. Ducker, Associate Secretary of the Luther League of America, added much to the success of the Convention.

Our Synodical League has met its quota to the Missionary Project for the past biennium, and is now working on plans, under the direction of Miss Joyce Johnson, of San Jose, the Missionary Secretary, to raise the funds to pay the quote toward the establishment of further work in the Hawaiian Islands.

The following officers were elected for the present year: Benjamin Torres, Jr., Santa Monica, President; Miss Jane Titlow, San Diego, Vice President; Miss Barbara Berry, Glendale, Recording Secretary; Miss Arlene Laarveld, Sacramento, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. James Stubchaer, Santa Monica, Treasurer.

The next Convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, over Labor Day Week-End.

We commend the Luther League program to all Pastors and Congregations as the best for work among the young people of their churches.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARENCE F. CROUSER, Pastor Advisor.

The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser introduced Pastor Everett J. Jensen who described the work being done in the Kaimuki Sector of Honolulu stating that the proposed memorial of the Luther League of America is not merely a question of putting up a building, it is a question of presenting a testimony that the Lutheran Church presents the means through which members of all races can live together in harmony.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Ross F. Hidy presented:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION YEAR APPEAL and made a stirring appeal to the Delegates to rise up and meet the challenge which is presented by this cause.

REPORT OF THE CHEY COMMITTEE

Immediately ahead are precious days for action for Christ! 1950 is the year for Christian Higher Education in our ULCA. In a mighty effort our Church will raise six million dollars in six days to insure for our youth the privilege of Christian education in colleges and seminaries.

For us in the California Synod the successful CHEY appeal will help to open the doors of the proposed Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Your CHEY Committee, working in close cooperation with the ULCA leaders, is finishing the plans for the appeal in homes and congregations of our Synod. It is already apparent

that the coordinated appeal in all of our Synods for these vital institutions will give us an impetus and inspiration which otherwise would be difficult to achieve. As always, the prayerful enthusiasm of each Pastor and each member of the Church Councils is a vital factor. The Committee is happy to report a thrilling evidence of unity and determination.

Our growing Church in this growing West demands a larger staff of trained personnel. The Seminary is the answer to this need. We have earnestly prayed for this Senimary. The CHEY Appeal, begun in prayer, will be brought to a successful conclusion by prayerful and persevering workers, and our Seminary will become a reality. Christ calls us into action!

The CHEY Committee

The report was adopted.

Dr. F. Eppling Reinarts, Secretary of the United Lutheran Churches in America was presented to the Convention and spoke on the work of the Church as a whole. Speaking especially on the work of the various Boards of the Church.

Tellers report the election of Mr. Fritz C. Noel as a Layman on the Executive Board from the South and of Mr. Leo Johnston and Mr. Frantz Jensen the Lay Members from the North.

The motion prevailed that if there is no election on the next Ballot, succeeding Ballots be limited to double the number of members still to be elected.

The motion prevailed that the Session be adjourned. The closing Prayer was led by Mr. Luther Vestergard.

FOURTH SESSION

Huntington Park, California, 2:00 P.M., Feb. 1, 1950

The Fourth Session was opened with devotion led by The Rev. Thomas Daly.

The Minutes of the Third Session were approved after correction.

The Tellers reported no election in the Ballot for the Board for the Home of the Aged and no election for the Board of Directors for Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

The motion prevailed that after the next Ballot for the Board for the Seminary, succeeding Ballots be limited to twice the number of Officers to be elected.

The motion prevailed that following the next Ballot for the Board for the Home of the Aged, voting be limited to double the number of those still to be elected.

Pastor Clifford Holand spoke briefly about the service the Lutheran Church is doing in the field of Social Welfare. He presented Dr. Edward Mattson, Executive Director of the Lutheran Welfare Council of Northern California who spoke on developments and plans of the Chapter. He was followed by Dr. Frederick A. Smith who spoke on developments in the Chapter in Southern California.

Dr. J. George Dorn, Synodical Director of Evangelism introduced The Rev. Royal E. Lesher, Secretary of the Board of Evangelism U.L.C.A. who presented an urgent plea to the Pastors to cooperate to the fullest extent in the Evangelism effort which will begin this month. The report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted.

THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Cults of every description are attracting restless souls who have failed to find soul-satisfaction from an aimless and divided Protestantism. Thousands of ministers grope about aimlessly without a definite program. Other thousands have turned away from the essentials of religion and have become mere utility men, handymen about town, doing everything but that for which they were ordained. The situation is deplorable. The time is long past due for the Church to take an inventory and learn anew what is essential for her effective task in the world. Christ and His Passion must once more become a reality in our lives. The soul craves for this assurance.

The personal element cannot be eliminated. Obscure men have often brought to Jesus those who became distinguished. We never know what harvest will come from the seed faithfully sown. We must again think in terms of the "individual"

instead of in terms of the "mass." Jesus always talked of the "individual." He avoided crowds in order to meet the individual. If the Christian is to be "the salt of the earth" he must come in vital contact with that which he is to "salt" or "preserve." There is no substitute for this. It cannot be delegated or done by proxy.

Every congregation of the Synod should by now have secured the necessary literature; carefully selected its callers; assembled all of its responsible prospects; and above all alerted its members to plead Heaven's benediction on this nation-wide effort. With the Holy Spirit leading we cannot fail.

Let us recapture the zeal of the early Christians and make not only the week of February 5 and 12 fruitful, but all of 1950 a memorable year for Christ, His Holy Church, and the people whom He loved, and for whom He died to save.

THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM,
J. George Dorn, Chairman.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary was adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
PACIFIC LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Actions taken at the 1949 conventions of the California and Pacific Synods brought into existence an institution which at present exists in name only. Members elected to the Board of Directors by the California Synod were—The Rev. Carl V. Tambert, The Rev. H. C. Lindsay, Mr. O. E. Nelson. Mr. Wm. B. Scheel was appointed to serve as a member of the Board by the Executive Committee of the California Synod, the appointment being necessary due to the inability of the fourth elected member to serve. Inasmuch as the length of term was not officially decided by the Synod the elected members drew lots resulting as follows—Mr. O. E. Nelson, 4 years; Pastor Lindsay, 3 years; Pastor Tambert, 2 years; and Mr. Wm. B. Scheel appointed for one year.

Members elected to the Board by the Pacific Synod were—Mr. Marvin C. Johnson, 4 years; Pastor J. L. Sawyer, 3 years; Mr. E. J. Juilfs, 2 years; and Pastor Fred T. Lucas, 1 year.

These elected members of the Board of Directors held their first meeting on May 31, 1949, at the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley, California, at the same time of a meeting of the Executive Committee of the California Synod. The following officers of the Board were elected:

President—The Rev. J. L. Sawyer, D.D. (Pacific)
Vice President—The Rev. Carl V. Tambert (California)
Treasurer—Mr. Marvin C. Johnson (Pacific)
Secretary—Mr. O. E. Nelson (California)

These officers, together with other members of the Board, were officially inducted into office by the Rev. Robert Romeis, president of the Northern California Synod, conducting the service.

The Executive Committee consists of the above named officers and Mr. Wm. B. Scheel.

The Constitution for the Seminary, approved by both Synods, was adopted as the constitution for the Corporation.

Due to a guiding action, passed by both synods, relative to using the good offices of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America in seeking the cooperation of other Lutheran synods or bodies in the establishment of the Seminary, the Executive Committee, while already empowered to incorporate the institution, has withheld the filing of articles of incorporation. It should be stated that at a meeting of the Board held at Mt. Hermon, July 20, 1949, and at a meeting of the Executive Committee held at Fresno, California, October 11, 1949, Dr. Gould Wickey, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education (ULCA) was present and the whole matter of Lutheran cooperation was studied, resulting in the request of the Seminary Board that Dr. Wickey make all the contacts with other Lutheran synods or bodies. To date, negative replies have been received from all except one Lutheran body.

While the two synods took action looking to the opening of the Seminary not earlier than September 1, 1950, the Board is of the opinion that it is doubtful if the institution could be opened before the fall of 1951, possibly as late as the fall of 1952. The success of the CHEY appeal will be a large determining factor relative to the opening of the Seminary.

Possible building sites and locations have been investigated in Berkeley but no definite actions have been taken. Also a great deal of consideration has been given to the matter of possible faculty members, but no actions have been taken.

Application has been made to the Board of Education of the ULCA for a grant of $7500.00 for two years beginning as of July 1, 1952. Due to the fact that the Board's budget for 1950 and 1951 had already been approved by the Church there was no chance of getting assistance before 1952.

In order to assist the Board of Directors in their work, the Executive Committees of the respective synods set aside the amount of $1,000.00 each, as a working fund. The treasurer's report is attached.

The terms of Mr. Wm. B. Scheel (California) and the Rev. Fred T. Lucas, D.D. (Pacific), expire with the 1950 conventions of the respective synods.

Respectfully submitted by the Board,

Rev. J. L. Sawyer, D.D., Chairman
Rev. Fred T. Lucas, D.D.
Mr. Marvin C. Johnson
Mr. Erwin J. Juilfs
Rev. Carl V. Tambert
Rev. H. C. Lindsay
Mr. O. E. Nelson
Mr. Wm. B. Scheel

REPORT OF TREASURER BOARD OF DIRECTORS PACIFIC LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Receipts		
Advances from:		
Pacific Synod		$1,000.00
California Synod		1,000.00
		$2,000.00
Expenditures:		
Board meetings	$694.74	
Treasurer's expense	4.09	698.83
Balance on hand November 29, 1949		$1,301.17

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN C. JOHNSON, Treasurer.

The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz presented:

REPORT OF CENTRAL LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Since June 1, 1949, Central Lutheran Theological Seminary (successor to Western Theological Seminary) has been operating as an institution within its own right. It is no longer a part of Midland Colege, though it enjoys a very friendly relationship with that institution.

The enrollment during the first semester of the current year is sixteen regular students and two specials. Of the regular students there are three seniors, six are middlers and seven are juniors. Three new students have definitely declared their intention to enroll at the beginning of the second semester on January 3, 1950. One of those and three of those already enrolled are members of the California Synod.

Central Seminary is grateful for the Synod's support, financial and otherwise, and for the special gifts which friends of the cause and of the Christ have made. It solicits the Synod's continued interest and prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR.
ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ.

Mr. Howard Logan presented:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LUTHERAN

During the months of July-October 1949 a campaign was carried on to increase subscriptions to our church paper, The Lutheran. The results of this effort were very gratifying although had we been assigned a different season, the result might have been even more encouraging. Our total synodical subscription ran somewhere around 1700 copies.

In the campaign we had about 50% of our congregations participating, which according to the Circulation Office of The Luthern is good. However, a number of these congregations had only small numbers of subscriptions. Two or three of our congregations are placing The Lutheran in each home of the congregations. This is the goal toward which we are striving. At the present, our synod has about 15,000 communicant members. If we consider three to the family that means we have 5,000 homes and on the basis of 1700 subscriptions we are reaching one third of the homes of synod.

The one third figure is very good if you consider what this average would mean in the ULCA with a communicant membership of approximately 1,000,000 members. On the same basis of one copy to a family using the figures above The Lutheran would have a circultaion of over 300,000, which by the way is the circulation figure of the church paper of our sister body, The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. However, The Lutheran circulation is somewhere near 70,000.

Those who read The Lutheran know the quality of the magazine. Some of us would be lost without it. However, our people will not buy something which is not known to them. Let us suggest some ways in which The Lutheran might be purchased and read in your congregation.

1. Purchase a few copies each week and place them in your church. Urge your people to read them. Call attention to articles through the weekly bulletin, and through your announcements.
2. Refer to The Lutheran in your sermons.
3. Ask someone person or group in your church to act as agent for The Lutheran.
4. Secure a poster and subscription blanks and place them in your church.
5. Underwrite subscriptions for your entire congregation.

The Executive Committee of Synod may have recommendations concerning another effort for The Lutheran this year. Of course when the new subscriptions expire in the Fall they will be renewable at the $1.75 rate. An informed membership is a consecrated membership.

HOWARD L. LOGAN, Chariman.

The following report was adopted:

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF THE CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN HOME

Through God's rich blessings the Women's Fellowship of the California Lutheran Home has made noteworthy progress the past year.

Original memberships are maintained and numerous new ones continually coming in showing increased interest in the work.

The making of Memorials in honor of the departed has almost doubled in number.

The Los Angeles Chapter held four Board meetings this past year. Three Key Women's luncheon meetings, with representatives from all Los Angeles area churches were held during the year.

The Annual All-Membership luncheon was held in February with an attendance of 300.

The Home Coming Fall Festival at the Home in October was a happy and successful event, the proceeds of $600.00 was turned in to the Infirmary Fund for the Home with which contributions from other chapters makes a total of around $700.00 for that Fund this year.

The Los Angeles Chapter also maintains a $500.00 sustaining fund, and contributes $100.00 per month to the maintenance of the Home.

The Bay Area, Frenso, San Diego and Valley Chapters are active and contributing to the welfare of the Home in various ways.

The Fall Harvest Home ingathering brought an abundance of staple and canned foods to the Home from the churches throughout the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DORCAS T. DENTMAN,
Director of Women's Fellowship
Synod of California

The report of the Committee on Camp Yolijwa was adopted. The Rev. Quentin Garman, Director of the Camp, gave an inspiring account of the splendid program of the Camp and the greater plans for the future.

REPORT OF THE CAMP COMMITTEE

The camp committee is pleased to report that the camping season of 1949 was the most successful in the history of our Synod. During the seven one week camps 184 campers were in attendance. This represents an increase of 32 per cent over the 1948 total of 139. Even more gratifying was the fact that approximately 40 per cent or 56 of the 1948 campers returned for the 1949 season. When the number of counselors, teachers, permanent staff, and kitchen staff is added to the number of campers we find that 305 individuals used the facilities of Yolijwa this past summer.

Thirty-two Southern Conference Churches sent campers, as did one Northern Conference congregation. One of our campers was from another Lutheran Synod. Congregations sending the largest numbers of campers were as follows: Christ Lutheran, Pacific Beach, 36; First Lutheran, Glendale, 17; Holy Trinity, Inglewood, 14; and First English Lutheran, Los Angeles, 12.

During the season of 1950 an important change in one of the camps is planned. The Leadership Camp, potentially one of the most helpful to the adult leaders of our congregations, has not measured up in enrollments to its capacity. In order that Sunday School teachers, Youth Leaders, and others may attend, the committee is opening this camp to family enrollments. Pastors are urged to present this opportunity to their congregational leaders immediately as many families make their vacation plans early. This will be an unexcelled opportunity to have your workers return for the fall program inspired and prepared to improve their work.

Once again Pastor Heinecken, his family, and his helpers devoted several weeks of their time to preparing the camp for occupancy. In addition Pastor Heinecken was on call all summer for emergencies and gave of himself freely. It is impossible to thank him enough.

Considerable improvement to our camp was made prior to its opening. A bulldozen worked over the old roads and made several new ones around the site. With the assistance of this machine the area of the Outdoor Chapel was enlarged, and later the Chapel was completely renovated. A fine stone altar was constructed. Three new tent platforms were built, and a very serviceable hobby room was made on the lower level of the lodge. This large room was completely covered with masonite and wired for lighting. New tables and benches were constructed for the hobby room and also for the lodge assembly and dining room. The recreation area was fenced on the downhill side and a drinking fountain was installed. The kitchen was completely relined with masonite and a new oil burner was installed in the range. The site of the upper Hillside Chapel was enlarged, and new benches provided. A new building to house the electric generators was constructed and the power plants removed from the old building which was turned into a tool shed, and work shop. A new electric generator was purchased and installed. The dormitory roof was recovered, cess pools cleaned, over two hundred feet of two inch pipe was used to repair and maintain the water line. Broken windows were replaced, beds were painted, and other painting was done where necessary. Each year sees a marked improvement in the utility and the new worth of the camp. To all who assisted in this work we say, "Thank you."

During the coming season, we are anticipating further improvements to the camp and an increasing enrollment. The committee is most grateful to the Executive Committee of the Synod for setting aside five hundred dollars to be used in transporting campers from the Northern Conference. We are also very happy for the fact that the Executive Committee authorized a survey of the camp site this fall and

that Mr. Robert Inslee has agreed to prepare an overall Master Plan for future camp development. This will make possible a carefully planned and well ordered program of advance.

In closing this report the camp committee wishes to pay tribute to Pastor Quentin Garman of Pacific Beach, who has directed the camp for the past two seasons at considerable personal sacrifice, and who has done a magnificent job. He and his good wife have planned the curriculum, ordered materials, secured staff members, and thrown themselves without reserve into every phase of the camp program. Such success as Yolijwa has had can be attributed in large measure to his unceasing efforts to make this camp one of the finest in the United Lutheran Church. We are very thankful indeed that he has consented to manage and direct the camp during the 1950 season.

The following are the dates of the 1950 camps and we urge pastors and lay leaders alike to begin at once the recruiting of enrollments.

Junior Boys (completed 4th or 5th grade in Public School).....July 3-10
Intermediate Boys (completed 6th or 7th grade in Public School).....July 10-17
Junior Girls (completed 4th and 5th grade in Public School).....July 17-24
Intermediate Girls (completed 6th or 7th grade in Public School).....July 24-31
Senior Boys (completed 8th and still in High School).....July 31-Aug. 7
Senior Girls (completed 8th and still in High School).....Aug. 7-14
Leadership Camp (All men and women 18 years and above).....Aug. 14-21

Respectfully submitted,

THE CAMP COMMITTEE

Rev. J. Benner Weaver, Chairman.

The Rev. Frederick A. Smith presented the first reading of the following Amendments to the Constitution:

"That Article III, Section I, Paragraph 3 of the Constitution of Synod be amended by the substitution of the word "installed" for the word "elected."

The report of the Committee on Student Work was adopted. The Rev. Fred Schenk, Student Pastor, was presented to the Convention and told about the work and plans of the Lutheran Student work in Southern California.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK

Student work on the territory of the California Synod is moving ahead in two ways. The first under the two student foundations of Northern and Southern California have their program of activities centering about the two student centers. In Northern California, Miss Ruth Lerud is serving as counsellor and the Student Foundation there is anticipating the erection of a new student center during 1950, using the grant of funds from the National Lutheran Council.

In the South the program is guided by the Rev. Fred J. Schenk, student pastor in the Los Angeles area.

Both of these leaders are representatives of the Student Service of the National Lutheran Council. Other Lutheran student groups are guided by pastors who volunteer their time and energy to act as student pastors on nearby campuses.

The challenge of bringing Christ to the student population of our Synod is a challenging one. To do it effectively will call for more than the sacrifices of time and energy by pastors and laymen but also for financial participation by our congregations either directly or through the California Synod.

The committee expresses appreciation to the staff members of the Student Service and to the volunteer pastors of our Synod for the work well done in the year of our Lord 1949.

ROSS F. HIDY.

The Tellers reported the following election results:

Elected to the Executive Board of Synod—

The Rev. J. Benner Weaver, Clergyman from the South.
The Rev. Charles Miley, Clergyman from the North.
Mr. Luther Vestergard—Layman from the South.

Elected to the Board of Directors of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary—

Mr. William B. Scheehl.

The report of the Board of Directors of Midland College was adopted.

Dr. Albert B. Schwertz presented The Rev. W. P. Hieronymous, President of Midland College, who spoke on the continuing need for support from the California Synod.

MIDLAND COLLEGE REPORT

In the providence of God, Midland College was permitted to begin its 63rd year of continuous service to our youth, to the church, and to society. We deem it a high privilege, as well as a great responsibility, to be used by the Lord to build the Kingdom of God into the lives of those young people who will be the leaders in our church and in our nation.

I—Officers of the Corporation

The present officers of the corporate Board are: President, Dr. A. W. Young, Omaha, Nebraska; Vice President, Dr. Henry A. Gunderson, Fremont, Nebraska; Secretary, the Rev. Lorin J. Wolff, Lincoln, Nebraska; Treasurer, Mr. Bernard V. Beeson, Fremont, Nebraska.

II—Officers of the College

The present officers of the corporate Board are: President, Dr. W. P. Hieronymus; Acting Dean, Professor C. K. Burkholder; Treasurer and Business Manager, Mr. Bernard V. Beeson.

III—Our Students

Regular daytime students number 437, which with the 42 evening class students, gives us a total of 479. The men outnumber the women better than two to one. In addition, there were 331 enrolled in the Summer Session in 1948.

In a few catagories, we may record an increase, as for instance in the number of Lutheran students. Our college is actually serving 14 **more** Lutheran students this year than last. The Lutheran percentage has increased from 58% to 63%. It is interesting to note that of the students who attend Midland from outside of Fremont, 77% are of the Lutheran faith. We are also gratified over the splendid increase in the number of young men who have the ministry in view; 57 this year as compared with 45 in 1948. Several girls are preparing themselves for full-time church work.

This year our student body is most cosmopolitan in nature. They hail from 19 states and from Washington, D. C., from the Atlantic as well as from the Pacific Coast. There are 14 students from 7 foreign countries.

We do appreciate the splendid group of students from the California Synod. We have 17 students from the State of California and 1 from Phoenix, Arizona. California ranks second only to Nebraska in the number of students furnished.

IV—Our Finances

Following is a summary statement of receipts and disbursements (for both Midland College and Central Theological Seminary) for the fiscal year, June 1, 1948, to May 31, 1949:

INCOME			
Education and General		$131,074.16	
Endowment Investments		9,227.87	
Gifts and Grants		92,474.11	
Sales and Services		3,263.84	
Other Income		7,289.50	
Auxiliary Enterprises		125,728.41	
Total Income			$369,057.89
DISBURSEMENTS			
Education and General			
Administration	$ 63,122.64		
Instructional	126,815.62		
Library	8,795.85		
Plant Oper. and Maintenance	40,462.79		
Services Rendered	2,825.45	241,922.35	
Auxiliary Enterprises		137,419,94	
Other Non-Educational Expenses		8,414.79	
Total Disbursements			$387,757.08
Operating Loss			$ 18,699.19

(This includes $1,235 which constituted the last payment on the construction contract of Men's Memorial Hall.)

We regret exceedingly that it was necessary to close our books at the end of the last fiscal year with an operation loss of $18,000. The fact that we have 40 students fewer this year than last will reduce our income from students' tuition and fees by about $14,000. It will be very difficult, if not impossible, to operate in the black this year.

IN CONCLUSION, the morale of the faculty and the student body is high. Midland is effectively continuing its God-given task in educating the type of leaders which our church and our country needs. An investment in Midland is most worthwhile. From the standpoint of the church, such an investment brings the greatest dividends, for, while only 15% of our Lutheran young people attend our own chuch colleges, these institutions furnish our church with 85 to 90% of its pastors, missionaries, and other full-time leaders.

Recommendations:

We recommend to the California Synod that

(1) Midland College be placed upon the Synodical apportionment for 1950 in the amount of $5,500.

Respectfully submitted,
YOUR TRUSTEES:
JAMES P. BEASOM, JR.
ALBERT B. SCHWERTZ

The Tellers reported the election of the following to 3-year terms to the Board of Directors for the Home for the Aged:

The Rev. Harold Lorimer
Mrs. F. C. Noel
Mr. Luther Vestergard

Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz, President of the Synodical Missionary Society was presented to the Convention and brought greetings.

The motion prevailed that the balloting for the Board Member for the Home of the Aged be designated for the unexpired one-year term made vacant by the resignation of The Rev. Carl V. Tambert.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Synod of California continued its record of remarkable achievement in stewardship during the past year. Your Committee rejoices with you in the fact that we have met the challenge of 1949 to give 'at least as much' for benevolence as in 1948, the double-apportionment year. We wish to commend the congregations and pastors for their faithfulness in this most important department of the Church's life.

The 1949 stewardship film, "Like a Mighty Army," was shown at least once in every congregation, and to larger audiences than ever before. The other films, "And Now I See" and "Salt of the Earth," had numerous showings, especially in the new mission congregations which have been organized since these films were distributed. The film-strip "Teamwork" and the Every Member Visitation training records were used in several parishes. We note that more congregations ordered and used more of the excellent EMV materials supplied by the Lutheran Laymen's Movement than in any previous year, and that some form of Every Member Visitation was conducted in every congregation.

The goal of Christian stewardship is the complete committal of all that we are and all that we have to the work of the Lord. To this end we commend most earnestly a continuous program of education in stewardship in the congregation, the Sunday School and the youth groups by every means and material available. Such a program should include, besides the regular emphasis on greater giving, the repeated stressing of the tithe as a reasonable first step; helps toward the full surrender of life and vocation to the Lord; suggestions for the multiplication of our gifts by making the Church and its institutions beneficiaries in wills; and the presentation of the work of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship and the enlistment of members among our laymen.

H. PAUL ROMEIS, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was adopted.

The Rev. H. Paul Romeis emphasized the fact that the 1950 Budget of Synod and the amount in the CHEY Appeal are minimum goals which must be raised.

The report of the Committee on the Ministerial Education was adopted.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

The work of this committee is an ever increasing work among those who are preparing or planning to prepare for the full time work of the Church. The need is getting greater and greater each year. It will be some time yet before the supply of those available fills the tremendous demand.

It is well to note that only a few of our Churches are sending full time workers in the Kingdom. Again each congregation should adopt this goal of "EACH ONE HAVE ONE." No longer can we expect others to provide our spiritual leaders for us.

Many of the students this committee contacts are asking, "When will the new Pacific Lutheran Seminary be opened?" The indication is that many are just waiting for it to open. We cannot afford to delay in our actions.

The purpose of this committee is as follows:

1. To contact and keep in contact with ministerial students as well as prospective candidates.
2. To encourage in an official way the thinking of the students towards the ministry and work of the diaconate.
3. To provide, if necessary, the transportation rail fare to and from the college or seminary where they are preparing themselves.
4. To provid esynodical financial aid where it is needed. This aid is determined on the basis of the individual's ability to be able to assist himself or herself. For this synodical aid a promissory note is signed and returned to the committee before further aid is forthcoming.

All students and prospective students should be placed in contact with this committee. We have a large list now and are seeking more. Continue to encourage prospects.

Miss Patricia Chafin is our only student preparing for the diaconate at the present time. She is in Philadelphia at present.

This committee has provided assistance to the following students during 1949: tation or synodical aid to anyone.

Students	Location	Transportation	Aid	Total
John Lindstrom	Fremont	$ 48.28	———	$ 48.28
Ervin Florance	Fremont	45.00	———	45.00
Charles Clark	Fremont	90.00	250.00	340.00
Ben Torres	Fremont	45.00	75.00	120.00
Jack Glidewell	Fremont	56.13	174.00	230.13
Gerold Pedersen	Minneapolis	140.00	125.00	265.00
Kenneth Hartsheim	Fremont	120.00	150.00	270.00
James Younquist	Fremont	90.00	———	90.00
E. Gene Vosseler	Fremont	90.00	250.00	340.00
Patricia Chafin	Philadelphia	———	162.50	162.50
Vern Jeffers	Carthage, Ill.	———	75.00	75.00
Herbert Ringo	Fremont	60.96	———	60.96
Walter Zarth	Minneapolis	55.00	125.00	180.00
James Fincher	Fremont	———	75.00	75.00
Stanley Olson	Minneapolis	100.00	———	100.00
George Steffens	Fremont	45.00	125.00	170.00

Unless requests are sent to the committee, we do not forward either transportation or snodical aid to anyone.

This committee wishes to express thanks and appreciation to the Board of Education of the ULCA, to Dr. Gould Wickey, and to the Synod of California for the wonderful cooperation in assisting the students preparing for the ministry and diaconate.

Also to the pastors of the synod for sending us the names of students for our files.

May God continue to bless us as we strive together with Him to bolster the work of His kingdom here on the west coast.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE,

Arthur W. Alm, Chairman

The motion prevailed that the Committee on Resolutions be instructed to bring in a Resolution expressing our gratitude to the Board of Education of the U.L.C.A. for the valuable assistance they have rendered by supplying transportation for our ministerial students.

The motion prevailed that we also instruct the Resolutions Committee to prepare a Resolution expressing our gratitude for the help and cooperation of the Board of Social Education of the U.L.C.A. and the Board of American Missions of U.L.C.A., The Women's Missionary Society of the U.L.C.A., and the Lutheran Layman's Movement in furthering our vital Missionary Program.

The Tellers report that The Rev. Henry Scherer was elected to the unexpired term on the Board of Directors of the Home for the Aged.

Mr. Kenneth Hartzheim, a student preparing for the Gospel Ministry at Midland College presented a Synodical check, No. 2719, for $7,500.00 to Dr. Reinartz as a contribution for the CHEY Program of the U.L.C.A.

Following a recess, Dr. Reinartz spoke on the work and plans of the United Lutheran Church in America. Outlining particularly developments in the inter-Lutheran relationships.

FIFTH SESSION

Huntinton Park, California, February 2, 1950

The fifth session was opened at 9:00 A.M. with devotions, led by the chaplain, the Rev. Thomas Daly.

The minutes of the Fourth Session were approved as distributed.

The convention was recessed to make possible separate meetings of the Ministerium and the Laymen.

The convention resumed its meeting at 10:00 A.M.

The motion prevailed that the officers of Synod be declared the official trustees of Synod.

The report of the Committee on the President's Report was adopted seriatim.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The committee is impressed as all of us are again this year with the growth of our Saviour's Church in the California Synod as evidenced in the president's report as well as in all other reports, but also brought to remembrance by our president that we "have only begun to fight" for our Lord and His Church and that we have marching orders calling for a higher devotion and an enlivened fervor.

After careful consideration of the report of the president of Synod, the committee recommends to Synod the following:

1. That Synod, because the whole spirit of the convention is reflected in an effective way in the president's report, request every pastor to read Dr. Beasom's report, if not in full at least in part, to his Church Council at the next meeting and to any congregational auxiliaries, if possible, and urge every lay delegate to quote vital portions of the report in his report to his congregation concerning the Synod convention.
2. That Synod emphasize Dr. Beasom's request for greater stress upon the Home Altar by urging all congregations, where possible, to send as many parents and church leaders to attend the Church and Home Teaching Program of the Parish and Church School Board upon the territory of Synod from April 30 through May 19 inasmuch as the burden of these series of three-night institutes will be on the timely study of the cooperation of the Christian home with the Church.
3. That Synod whole-heartedly approve the suggestion of the president to make 1950 a Synodical Year of Jubilee by:
   a. Appointing a committee on Faith and Life charged with the task of assisting our pastors and congregation to a deepening of our Christian faith and life.
   b. Realizing the dire necessity of meeting the synodical benevolence apportionment in full and now beginning to exceed it for the ever larger work which must be done for our Lord on the west coast, to approve the president's second proposal with the following rewording: "We summon our pastors and congregations to place the synodical apportionment as the first obligation of the **benevolence budget** of each congregation."

c. Making a crusade of Evangelism and by continuing the strong appeal for Lutheran World Action in this year when it will be harder to keep "Love's Arm Working."

d. Setting aside a Synodical Sunday of Jubilee preferably sometime in the fall season to have every member present at the services and to receive a Jubilee offering for Christian Highr Education.

4. That although this suggestion has been made before in previous years Synod urges more strongly than ever pastors and congregations to contact and call upon the presidents of the conferences and their neighboring pastors for worship services, occasions, and problems which do not necessarily need the presence nor service of the president of Synod.

5. That Synod express its gratitude to Almighty God and appreciation to Dr. Beasom for his faithful stewardship, superior leadership, and unstinting devotion to every congregation of the Synod and to the whole life and work of the Kingdom as he discharges the responsibilities of his office. That we express formally to our president the affirmation of our continued confidence in his leadership and our pledge to "hold up his hands" by the help of God throughout this new term of office by rising vote and a few moments of silent prayer when all may lift their petitions to God to consecrate us anew, president and congregations, pastors and laymen, as co-laborers with each other and with Him in His holy work.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD W. ENDTER, Chairman.

The motion prevailed that after the next ballot for Synod delegates to the U.L.C.A. Convention, voting be limited on succeeding ballots to double the number still required.

The report of the Claims Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF CLAIMS COMMITTEE

Transportation of Delegates to Synod	$1,288.74
Secretarial Service	48.75
Janitor Service at St. Luke's	10.00
Office Supplies, Telephone, etc.	10.00
	$ 1,357.49

Respectfully submitted,
THE REV. HENRY SCHERER

The report of the Committee on Excuses was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES

The Committee is pleased to report that a high level of attendance has been established by both the clerical and lay delegates at this Fifty-ninth Annual Convention of Synod.

Requests to be excused have been received from Pastors Delmar L. Dyreson, Carl Miller, Lawrence Vosseler, Elwood Schwenk, W. F. Poat, J. C. Bitter, W. E. Crouser, Ernest Trabert, C. F. Oehler, D. C. Wright, Thomas Allport and Edward Hamme.

Excuses have been granted to the above, and also to all retired pastors, missionaries, and chaplains who have been unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE OF EXCUSES
J. Benner Weaver
Erwin Bosseler

The report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

The following letters and papers have been received during the meeting of Synod:

1. A letter from D. E. Wright, Navy Chaplain at Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.
2. A telegram received from A. O. Bloom, President of the Southern District of the California Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

THE REV. J. WM. BOWAN, Chairman,

The report of the Secretary of the Northern Conference was adopted.

The meeting of the Northern Conference was called to order by President Robert Romeis.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a post Easter pastoral retreat be held for all conference pastors.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the treasurer disburse $25.00 to the Lutheran Welfare Council of Northern California and $25.00 to the Northern California and Western Nevada Council of Churches.

The matter of Mt. Cross Camp was discussed with no action taken.

The following officers were elected: Pres., Pastor Robert Romeis; Vice President, Pastor Dale Click; Secretary, Pastor Milus Bonker; Treas., Mr. Frants Jensen.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

MILUS BONKER, Secretary

The report of the Secretary of the Southern Conference was adopted.

Minutes of the Southern Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California.

The Southern Conference met on January 31, 1950, in connection with the annual convention of Synod. The following were elected as officers of the Conference:

The Rev. Carl Tambert, President
The Rev. Charles P. Smith, Secretary
The Rev. J. Benner Weaver, Vice-President
The Rev. Arthur Alm, Treasurer

A motion prevailed to refer to the executive committee of Conference the matter of equalizing the expense of travel for delegates to joint conference meetings, upon the basis of communing membership.

A motion prevailed authorizing the executive committee to confer with the Northern Conference regarding a joint conference to be held next fall.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. SMITH, Secretary.

The report of the Laymen's Meeting was adopted.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF LAYMEN

The Laymen of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That some method of nomination and recognition of candidates for elective offices be found to eliminate the confusion of voting, particularly as it applies to laymen.
2. The Executive Board uses its lay members to devise ways and means to give to our laity a continuing education regarding our Church at large and its needs, that we might more intelligently enter into the fullness of our responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

The Supplementary Report of the Executive Committee was presented and the motion was made and seconded that the report be adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee recommends that:

"Because of the fact that the right to enter into inter-Synodical relationsships with other bodies in an official capacity belongs only to the United Lutheran Church in America we shall refer the matter of our relationship with the Mt. Cross Bible Camp Association to this Board of the U.L.C.A. for study and action."

Respectfully submitted,
Paul H. Wolpert, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. Ross Hidy presented the following resolution:

"Inasmuch as the present programs of our Lutheran Student Foundations of Northern and Southern California, the Lutheran Welfare Councils of Northern and Southern California, and certain other inter-synodical projects such as the Mt. Cross Lutheran Bible Camp of Northern California, must approach the constituent congregations for financial support for their ministry, we move that there be established in California, an advisory board to review the present and long-range programs of these arms of the church; such Advisory Board to consist of those Synod, Conference, or District Presidents and one, or more, other Pastors or Laymen, if not contrary to the policy of the church, and that this group be enjoined to meet in close proximity to the meeting of the Regional Home Mission Committees to spare time and expense. We further express our unwillingness to participate in any ministry through any auxiliary arm or association on our Synod's territory which will not so counsel and plan in democratic fashion so as to place the planning of these agencies in proper relation and wise consideration of the total needs and plans of our Church."

The resolution was adopted.

The report of the second meeting of the Ministerium was adopted.

REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERIUM

Feb. 2, 1950.

The ministerium of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of California met in St. Luke's Lutheran Church at 9:30 A.M. on Feb. 2nd, 1950.

The motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to send telegrams to all former presidents of the Synod who are retired, bringing them the greetings of the Synod.

The motion prevailed that we recommend to the Executive Committee that during the 1951 Convention and all succeeding conventions of Synod the retired Pastors be recognized as a special order of business.

The motion prevailed that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to send a letter of greetings to the Rev. and Mrs. George Kohls, returned missionaries from China.

The motion prevailed that an official letter of greeting be sent to all missionaries, chaplains, and employees of the Church outside the territory of the Synod, who are clerical members of the Synod, assuring them of the Synod's continued good wishes.

The motion prevailed that the Resolutions Committee be instructed to prepare a resolution, expressing our concern over the developments in the world armament race, and reiterating our faith in the Gospel as the only way to a lasting peace.

The motion prevailed that the Resolutions Committee be asked to prepare a resolution, expressing our sympathy over the death of Pastor Walter Maier, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Missouri Synod and the bereaved family of Dr. Maier.

The Examining Committee presented the following recommendation:

"The Examining Committee unanimously recommends that the Rev. Ragnar Kjeldahl, Y.M.C.A. Secretary for Merchant seaman in San Francisco, and San Francisco Council of Churches' Port Chaplain to Merchant Seamen, be placed on the Clerical Roll of the Synod, subject to his appearing before, and approval by, the Examining Committee in conformity with Article VII-A, Section III, Paragraph 4 of the Constitution; enrollment to take place if and when the affirmative vote of the Examining Committee is certified by the Examining Committee to the Executive Committee of Synod."

The meeting was adjourned with prayer, led by the Rev. Milus Bonker.

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary.

The Rev. Kenneth E. Linton presents the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Your resolutions committee offers the following resolutions:
Resolved:

1. That we express our deep appreciation to Pastor loci, Charles P. Smith and the congregation of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church for the splendid manner in which they have entertained this Fifty-ninth Convention of the Synod of California. May we express this appreciation by a **rising vote.**
2. That we thank the St. Luke's Ladies' Aid for the tasty luncheons and the wonderful way in which they served them.
3. That we express our gratitude to the Board of Education of the U.L.C.A. for the valuable assistance they have rendered by supplying transportation for our ministerial students.
4. That we express our gratitude for the excellent services performed by Mr. Wayne Pfundstein, the Comptroller of the Synod.
5. That we exhibit our heart-felt thanks to the Women's Missionary Society, Board of American Missions, Board of Social Missions, and the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for their help and cooperation in the vital missionary program of Synod.
6. That we pledge and continue support to the activities of the Committee of 1000 and give them a vote of thanks for the splendid rally held prior to the opening of Synod.
7. That we express our deep appreciation to the Luther League of America for choosing as its special mission objective, the territory of Hawaii, which is a part of our Synod.
8. That we acknowledge our hearty thanks to Dr. Oscar Carlson, D.D., for his presentation of the 1950 Knubel-Miller lectures on the subject of "Evangelism."
9. That we express our sincere gratitude for the presence and messages of Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz, Secretary of the U.L.C.A. and official representative to this meeting of Synod.
10. That we express our deep appreciation for the presence and messages of such notable leaders in our Lutheran Churches as The Rev. W. P. Hieronymous, Ph.D., President of Midland College, The Rev. Konrad Koosman, President of the California District of the A.L.C., and The Rev. Royal Lesher, Secretary of the U.L.C.A.
11. That we pledge our earnest support and offer up our prayers for the success of the CHEY Program in the U.L.C.A. and this Synod. Furthermore, that we include in this pledge of support and abundance of sincere prayers, the establishment of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Furthermore, that we rise and offer up a silent prayer at this moment for these achievements.
12. That we pledge our hearty support and love and co-operation to President James P. Beasom, Jr., D.D., in his new term of office and to the other officers of Synod may we express this pledge by rising.
14. That in this day of disturbed and disturbing relationships between the Nations and peoples of the World, and in view of the forces for destruction which seems to be building threat upon threat to all peoples of the World—That we remind the congregations of Synod to continually bring before the Throne of God the needs of all peoples and Pray for the Guidance of the God upon the Governments of Nations. Furthermore, that the Chaplain of Synod offer a Prayer for this guidance in the building and preservation of World Peace, and that copies of this resolution be sent to all representatives in congress from the territory of our Synod.
15. That the Testimonial preamble to the Testimonial Book given to Dr. Beasom be included in the Minutes of Synod.

16. That the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California of the U.L.C.A. express its sympathy to the family of Dr. Walter Maier, at his call to his heavenly home, and to thank Almighty God for the fruitful Evangelistic Ministry of this Consecrated Servant of the Savior. In his faithful use of the Radio as a means of Evangelism, he not only brought the Word of God to countless millions and presented the Saviour of Men to sin-stained souls, but also brought honor to the Lutheran Church in our Country, and was revered by those fellow-Lutheran Pastors who often found their Pastoral Ministry strengthened by the Evangelistic preaching of Dr. Walter Maier.

17. That the Constitution Committee clarify the technical status of such Pastors as are in the welfare work of the Church, to the end that they be given the right to vote and have their travel expenses to the Synod be paid by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The motion prevailed that the report be adopted seriatim.

Items 1-12 were adopted. Item 13 was stricken from the record. Item 14 was amended to include the sentence, "and that copies of this resolution be sent to all representatives in congress from the territory of our Synod." Item 15 was adopted. Item 16 was adopted. Item 17 was adopted and referred to the Executive Committee for clarification.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The Rev. Henry Scherer made the following motion:

"I move that the Executive Committee of Synod appoint a committee of seven persons, four of whom shall not be members of the Executive Committee, to present to the 1951 Convention of Synod, nominations for every elective office."

The motion was seconded and carried.

The report of the Social Missions Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The attention of the delegates to Synod is called to the report on Social Action on page 24 in the 1949 ULCA Year Book. The Year Book also contains a report on the Home for the Aged as found on page 86.

Financial assistance was received through the Board of Social Missions for the Welfare Council of the North, and the Welfare Council of the South for the year 1949. Also the Home for the Aged was given aid for the year. The committee is grateful for this assistance, and has applied for further financial support for these causes for the year 1950.

The program for evangelism, as outlined for 1950 will be given thorough consideration in connection with the meetings of Synod. Too much stress cannot be placed upon this year's special effort in evangelism, which is under the chairmanship of Dr. J. George Dorn.

Beginning January 1, 1950, Pastor Edward J. Mattson will be in charge of the Welfare Council of the North. With him leading the work in the North, and Dr. Smith as Secretary for the Council in the South, we have an added reason for wholeheartedly supporting our Welfare Councils.

Reports to Synod are being made by the Welfare Council of the North and the Welfare Council of the South. These organizations deserve the wholehearted support of our congregations, and should be included in our congregational budgets for 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD B. HOLAND, Chairman.

The Rev. Clarence F. Crouser made the following motion:

"I move that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of securing group insurance for pastors and their families within the bounds of our Synod, similar to that provided by the Board of American Missions for mission pastors; and paid for on a voluntary, self-contributory basis."

The motion was carried.

The Rev. E. Dale Click made the following motion:

"That the Executive Committee of Synod be empowered to study and act upon a blanket bonding for all local congregational treasurers."

The motion was seconded and carried.

The tellers reported the following results in the balloting for delegates to the U.L.C.A. convention:

CLERGY

REGULAR	ALTERNATE
1. The Rev. James P. Beasom, Jr.	The Rev. J. George Dorn
2. The Rev. Carl V. Tambert	The Rev. Albert B. Schwertz
3. The Rev. J. Benner Weaver	The Rev. Henry Scherer
4. The Rev. Paul H. Wolpert	The Rev. Charles A. Miley
5. The Rev. Ross F. Hidy	The Rev. H. Paul Romeis
6. The Rev. Robert S. Romeis	The Rev. L. A. Failing
7. The Rev. Quentin Garman	The Rev. Donald Wagner

LAY

REGULAR	ALTERNATE
1. Mr. Leo Johnston	Mr. Howard Logan
2. Mr. Robert Cummings	Mr. Howard Weisman
3. Mr. F. C. Noel	Mr. Wayne Pfundstein
4. Mr. Luther Vestergard	Mr. F. J. Bowman
5. Mr. Carl Bell	Mr. Jerald Vogel
6. Mr. G. Olson	Mr. Wm. B. Scheehl
7. Mr. Frants Jensen	Mr. R. Klutz

The motion prevailed that the Letter of Invitation from St. John's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, California, inviting the Evangelical Luthern Synod of California to hold its 60th Annual Convention at the above named church in 1951 be referred to the Executive Committee for approval.

The motion prevailed that the United Lutheran Publication House be petitioned to supply additional help to the Los Angeles Book Store so that its manager, Mr. Howard Logan, or designated representative may be free to make field trips to the various congregations.

The President of Synod presented the Rev. Edward N. Spirer, director of the Division of Church Extension, to the convention and thanked him publicly for the excellent service he is rendering to the church in the erection of new church buildings.

The Minutes of the Fifth Session were read and approved subject to the additions to be made at the conclusion of the convention.

The newly elected officers were installed into their respective offices by the President of Synod.

Th 59th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California was officially closed at 1:15 P.M. by the President of the Synod, using the prescribed order.

JAMES P. BEASOM, JR., D.D., President
PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the Minutes of the 59th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, held in St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Huntington Park, California, on January 30th and 31st, and February 1st and 2nd, 1950.

PAUL H. WOLPERT, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NORTHERN CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1949, TABLE 1—Continued

Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	ADDRESS: COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1947	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: CONFIRMED: Number of Members	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	MEMBERSHIP: COMMUNING: Number of Members	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
									14			15			16			
1	Berkeley	St. Michael's	1913	4609 Benvenue Ave.(Oakland)	Alameda	1	Ross F. Hidy	E	319		25	244		43	173	..	40	1
2	Fresno	First	1917	630 Ferger Ave.	Fresno	2	Charles A. Miley	E	601	39	..	409	25	..	251	6	..	2
3	Fresno	St. Paul's	1913	2122 Lotus Ave.	Fresno	2	August S. Claus	EG	519	..	11	423	..	19	145	..	..	3
4	Fresno	Wartburg	1904	561 "D" St.	Fresno	2	John C. Bitter	EG	212	..	2	177	..	1	37	..	..	4
5	Honolulu	Honolulu	1900	448 So. Beretania, Honolulu 43	Honolulu	1	H. Edward Hamme	E	428	20	..	284	17	..	159	..	26	5
6	Lihue	Lihue	1883	Lihue	Kauai	4	Everett J. Jensen	E	94	15	..	70	7	..	30	15	..	6
7	Oakland	First	1890	659 16th St. (Zone 12)	Alameda	1	Donald E. Wagner	E	465	3	..	344	13	..	300	36	..	7
8	Oakland	St. John's	1921	1820 55th Ave.	Alameda	1	Philip W. Bergstresser	E	271	10	..	163	..	3	104	2	..	8
* 9	Redding	St. James	1949	Redding	Shasta	3	Albert J. Shandrick	E	68	68	..	50	50	..	42	42	..	9*
10	Reno, Nevada	Good Shepherd	1947	Masonic Temple	Washoe	1	J. Edward Oslund	E	189	48	..	115	29	..	101	21	..	10
11	Richmond	Grace	1924	513 13th St.	Contra Costa	1	Milus W. Bonker	E	1105	87	..	618	19	..	530	20	..	11
12	Richmond	St. James	1946	1331 Carlson Blvd.	Contra Costa	1	Casl H. Moyer	E	97	..	40	54	..	40	46	..	2	12
13	Sacramento	First English	1889	2910 39th St.	Sacramento	1	Paul H. Wolpert	E	529	..	20	352	..	24	265	4	..	13
14	Sacramento	St. John's	1867	1701 "L" St.	Sacramento	1	Robert S. Romeis	E	1294	143	..	865	88	..	701	76	..	14
15	Sacramento	St. Paul's	1945	2958 59th St.	Sacramento	1	T. A. Youngquist	E	192	34	..	103	21	..	91	23	..	15
16	San Francisco	First English	1886	6555 Geary at 30 Ave.	San Francisco	1	Dwight L. Miley	E	113	10	..	81	5	..	69	5	..	16
17	San Francisco	St. Mark's	1849	1135 O'Farrell St.	San Francisco	1	J. George Dorn	E	1083	35	..	724	17	..	366	..	34	17
18	San Francisco	St. Matthew's	1895	3281 16th St.	San Francisco	1	Herman Lucas	EG	318	15	..	251	8	..	132	..	..	18
19	San Francisco	Temple	1917	15 Latona St. (Zone 24)	San Francisco	1	Eldon R. Miller	E	172	..	26	124	..	23	88	8	..	19
20	Sanger	St. Paul's	1907	1128 "N" St.	Fresno	4	Geo. H. Lovekamp	EG	193	8	..	140	2	..	54	4	..	20
21	San Jose	Grace	1892	59 East Julian St.	Santa Clara	2	Clarence F. Crouser	E	433	43	..	279	9	..	169	30	..	21
*22	San Leandro	Epiphany	1949	16248 Carolyn St.	Alameda	2	Franklin A. Swanson	E	184	184	..	118	118	..	101	101	..	22*
23	San Mateo	St. Andrew's	1944	El Camino Real at 15th Ave.	San Mateo	2	E. Dale Click	E	240	30	..	174	19	..	145	14	..	23
24	Vallejo	St. Paul's	1943	1300 Tuolumne St.	Solano	2	Glen O. Balsley	E	483	83	..	264	84	..	201	66	..	24
25	Yreka	Mt. Zion	1947	417 S. Oregon St.	Siskiyou	4	Kenneth Linton	E	117	26	..	77	14	..	52	17	..	25
	1949 Totals	Congregations 25					Pastors 36		9719	901	124	6505	509	153	4352	490	102	1949
	1948 Totals	Congregations 23					Pastors 34		8942	886	54	6147	500	53	3964	298	117	1948
	Increase	2					2		777	15	70	356	9	100	388	192		Inc.
	Decrease																15	Dec

* New Congregation (1) 100,000 or over (2) 25,000 to 99,999 (3) 10,000 to 24,999 (4) 2,500 to 9,999

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MEMBERSHIP

Index Number	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	CHILD MEMBERS Accessions: By Baptism 1	By Certificate	Total A	Losses: Trans. by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissal 6	Total B	Gain or Loss: Net Gain	Net Loss	ADULT MEMBERS Accessions: By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	Losses: By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismissal 13	Total D
1	319	244	173	18		18						18		2		8	2	12	5	10	40	55
2	601	409	251	20	9	29	3	2	4	6	15	14		4	13	22	9	48	5	7	11	23
3	519	423	145	29		29	3			8	21	8			9			9	17		11	28
4	212	177	37	7		7	6	2			8		1		2			2	3			3
5	428	284	159	23	11	34			31		31	3		2	14	20	33	69	2		50	52
6	94	70	30	3	6	9			1		1	8			3	2	4	9	2			2
7	465	344	300	25	16	41	7		11	33	51		10	2	15	41	4	62	4	28	17	49
8	271	163	104	17	2	19	1			5	6	13			3	1	2	6	4	3	2	9
* 9	68	50	42	9	28	37		1	3	15	19	18		2	14	41	11	68	1		17	18
10	189	115	101	4	15	19						19		1		12	16	29				
11	1105	618	530	74	24	98	7		1	22	30	68		7	59	37		103	2	18	64	84
12	97	54	46	2	5	7	3			4	7				5	2		7			47	47
13	529	352	265	20	11	31	6		9	12	27	4		3	17	13	12	45	5	5	59	69
14	1294	865	701	54	17	71	6	1	7	2	16	55		16	27	67	19	129	6	12	23	41
15	192	103	91	16	9	25	1			11	12	13		5	8	12	1	26			5	5
16	113	81	69	2	3	5						5			2	3	4	9	2	2		4
17	1083	724	366	23	10	33	2	1	10	2	15	18		2	16	27	38	83	8	25	33	66
18	318	251	132	20	4	24	4		7	16	27		3	2	15	7		24	3	12	32	47
19	172	124	88	20	4	24	4		7	16	27		3	2	15	7		24	3	12	32	47
20	193	140	54	6		6						6			4	4		8	2		4	6
21	433	279	169	17	22	39	5				5	34		6	17	32	10	65	3	4	49	56
*22	184	118	101	26	45	71		1	4		5	66		11	101	17		129		5	6	11
23	240	174	145	12	7	19	4		3	1	8	11		1	10	20		31	1	7	4	12
24	483	264	201	35	23	58	6		4	13	23	35		5	27	38	14	84		7	29	36
25	117	77	52	11	4	15	3				3	12		1	6	6	4	17	2	1		3
1949	9,719	6,503	4,352	493	275	768	81	8	102	166	357	428	17	74	402	439	183	1,098	80	158	535	773
1948	8,942	6,147	3,964	464	154	618	75	7	45	104	231	395	8	87	266	351	192	896	87	100	264	451
Inc.	777	356	388	29	121	150	6	1	57	62	126	33	9		136	88		202		58	273	322
Dec.														13			9		7			

EDUCATION

Index Number	PARISH Sunday Schools: Number 17	Staff Members 18	In Sun. School 19	In Hme Dept. 20	Nursery Roll 21	Weekday Schools: Number 22	Teachers 23	Pupils 24	Children of Church: Leaders 25	Pupils 26	Number of Catechumens 27	HIGHER In Lutheran Seminaries 28	In Lutheran Motherhouses 29	In Other Luth. Insts. 30	In Non-Luth. Insts. 31	Index Number
1	1	19	82	6	5	1	1	5	4	15	12	1			5	1
2	1	27	231		47						44				16	2
3	1	10	62								9				2	3
4	1	4	41								2					4
5	1	15	95	4	16						26				7	5
6	1	3	25								3				3	6
7	1	16	124		38						22				16	7
8	1	12	80		17						4				6	8
* 9	1	10	85		10						16					9*
10	1	8	70		25						12					10
11	1	32	300			1	12	110			71			2	20	11
12	1	8	72								8					12
13	1	17	136		76	1	16	158			20	1			14	13
14	1	27	275		139	1	14	137			72				21	14
15	1	18	213		12	1	12	149			18				3	15
16	1	5	27		12						19				4	16
17	1	15	110		75						50				20	17
18	1	8	82		65						8			1	14	18
19	1	8	115		11						17				2	19
20	1	4	47								4					20
21	1	13	129	21	34						43				7	21
*22											112					22*
23	1	15	110		22						21				3	23
24	2	25	327		31	1	8	67			43				1	24
25	2	12	123		11						7					25
1949	27	331	2,961	31	646	7	63	626	4	15	663	2		3	164	1949
1948	24	296	2,328	17	633	6	63	675			514	3		4	143	1948
Inc.	3	35	633	14	13	1			4	15	149				21	Inc.
Dec.								49				1		1		Dec.

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Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS: Men's Number	Men's Members	Womn's Number	Womn's Members	Mixed Number	Mixed Members	Y. People Number	Y. People Members	FINANCIAL: VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY: Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE: UNAPPORTIONED: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	APPORTIONED: Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	Index Number
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56		57	58	
1	1	25	1	58	2	56	2	18	20,000	18,500	8,000	2,725	...	48,725	6,590	7,432	2,143	9,575	220	10	30	55	1,115	1,430	1,704	1,704	3,134	12,709	1
2	1	37	2	67	1	62	1	19	22,500	4,500	21,000	...	14,390	62,390	16,900	7,815	15,060	22,875	196	90	259	84	1,103	1,732	1,956	1,960	3,692	26,567	2
3	1	18	2	70	...	...	1	16	10,000	5,000	5,000	...	...	20,000	...	5,087	...	5,087	...	...	...	...	157	157	1,164	613	770	5,857	3
4	...	...	1	36	...	...	...	...	7,000	...	...	...	...	7,000	...	2,420	150	2,570	...	...	...	...	106	106	300	300	406	2,979	4
5	...	...	1	16	1	43	1	21	60,000	20,000	30,000	36,800	3,150	149,950	...	11,032	875	11,907	151	15	55	151	531	903	1,476	1,655	2,558	14,465	5
6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25,000	14,000	...	...	2,500	41,500	...	2,009	599	2,608	...	...	...	...	32	32	120	120	152	2,760	6
7	1	45	2	100	1	40	1	16	30,000	15,000	10,000	...	...	55,000	8,208	8,503	3,933	12,436	135	45	10	670	1,465	2,325	2,112	2,783	5,108	17,544	7
8	1	12	3	64	...	...	1	21	20,000	13,000	4,500	...	1,000	38,500	9,196	4,767	4,957	9,724	...	163	58	16	178	415	816	816	1,231	10,955	8
* 9	...	...	1	14	...	...	1	14	...	...	...	...	1,875	1,875	1,000	1,002	1,150	2,152	16	...	3	...	...	19	...	105	124	2,276	9*
10	1	25	1	42	...	...	...	...	...	14,000	...	...	20,000	34,000	30,500	2,625	1,900	4,525	...	...	...	...	251	251	636	660	911	5,436	10
11	1	25	2	55	1	20	3	30	35,000	19,000	...	...	25,000	79,000	11,775	13,593	17,949	31,542	619	205	25	206	2,012	3,067	4,080	4,080	7,147	38,689	11
12	...	...	1	22	...	...	...	...	...	8,500	...	1,296	8,700	18,496	14,875	2,254	845	3,099	...	...	...	5	151	156	386	336	542	3,641	12
13	1	18	1	60	1	32	1	16	40,000	12,000	6,000	...	811	58,811	9,328	7,600	4,292	11,892	...	55	125	296	670	1,146	2,088	2,083	3,234	15,126	13
14	1	35	3	115	2	68	3	46	207,000	15,000	...	500	11,841	234,341	16,000	19,167	39,704	58,871	786	239	381	1259	2,525	5,190	5,004	5,004	10,194	69,065	14
15	1	16	1	21	1	20	1	17	41,000	7,200	...	...	...	48,200	32,730	3,134	2,419	5,553	25	46	40	145	539	795	540	552	1,347	6,900	15
16	...	...	2	18	...	...	...	...	55,000	13,000	...	...	15,000	83,000	27,000	4,083	43,918	48,001	...	...	...	289	92	381	516	554	935	48,936	16
17	...	...	4	150	2	70	3	60	250,000	...	...	75,000	25,000	350,000	10,000	24,210	6,515	30,725	...	135	575	1379	831	2,920	3,204	3,204	6,124	36,849	17
18	1	16	2	56	...	...	2	38	36,000	...	...	...	...	36,000	...	7,452	...	7,452	...	20	...	140	264	424	1,056	1,056	1,480	8,932	18
19	...	...	2	28	1	16	1	18	13,500	8,000	...	...	...	21,500	...	4,199	808	5,007	25	...	...	50	160	235	636	636	871	5'878	19
20	...	...	1	34	1	18	...	...	6,000	3,500	...	...	500	10,000	...	2,668	85	2,753	...	...	...	...	100	100	396	400	500	3,253	20
21	1	34	5	97	2	52	1	15	35,000	10,000	...	...	...	45,000	1,700	7,979	307	8,286	88	12	...	280	185	565	1,114	1,114	1,679	9,965	21
*22	1	30	1	45	1	15	...	...	12,500	11,000	...	...	...	23,500	22,000	1,254	1,590	2,745	136	...	...	...	54	190	...	117	307	3,052	22*
23	1	35	1	33	1	23	1	20	45,000	12,000	...	...	...	57,000	44,000	3,757	7,671	11,428	...	62	...	...	290	352	1,044	1,048	1,400	12,828	23
24	1	45	6	62	...	...	...	...	63,331	14,000	...	...	1,065	78,396	35,558	6,226	5,481	11,707	121	68	189	212	763	1,353	1,080	1,084	2,437	14,144	24
25	1	7	1	13	...	...	1	15	12,700	...	...	...	...	12,700	10,000	2,449	619	3,098	...	...	...	...	100	100	276	301	401	3,469	25
1949	16	413	47	1276	18	435	25	400	1,046,531	236,700	84,500	116,321	130,832	1,614,884	307,360	162,708	162,880	325,588	2518	1165	1750	5237	13,674	24,344	31,704	32,340	56,684	382,272	1949
1948	15	388	47	1276	14	374	24	399	866,250	183,667	67,000	115,866	179,230	1,412,013	203,618	138,712	31,293	220'005	1839	1144	445	2426	20,051	25,905	18,915	29,879	55,784	275,789	1948
Inc.	1	25	...	...	4	161	1	1	180,281	53,033	17,500	455	...	202,871	103,742	23,996	81,587	105,583	679	21	1305	2811	...	...	12,789	2,461	900	106,483	Inc.
Dec.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48,398	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,377	561	...	...	...	...	Dec.

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Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	ADDRESS: COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1947	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	CONFIRMED: Number of Members	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	COMMUNING: Number of Members	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
									14			15			16			
26	Alhambra	Grace	1923	433 No. Atlantic Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Harold J. Lorimer	E	576	39		382	20		261		20	26
*27	Alhambra	Our Savior's	1949	1420 N. Marengo Ave.	Los Angeles	2	Walter M. Stuhr	E	68	68		51	51		40	40		27*
28	Altadena	Altadena	1944	185 West Foothill Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Howard A. Lenhardt	E	262	50		175	35		137	22		28
29	Beverly Hills	Beverly Hills	1930	100 N. Doheny Drive	Los Angeles	1	Guy L. Hudson	E	431		25	314		5	180		30	29
30	Burbank	Luther Memorial	1946	2401 N. Brighton Street	Los Angeles	2	L. A. Failing	E	281	57		200	41		120	7		30
31	Culver City	Grace	1945	4427 Overland Ave.	Los Angeles	3	Wm. Herbert Blough	E	298	45		187	32		148	34		31
32	El Monte	Redeemer	1947	809 E. Bryant Road	Los Angeles	2	Willis J. Forsyth	E	134	21		83	11		45	1		32
33	Gardena	St. John's	1924	1102 W. 163rd St.	Los Angeles	3	Robert Wheatley	E	263	14		175	6		132	1		33
34	Glendale	First	1912	233 S. Kenwood St.	Los Angeles	1	Carl V. Tambert	E	1459	55		1175	29		1008	27		34
35	Hollywood	Hollywood	1921	1733 No. New Hampshire Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Berrtam Reed	E	1402		468	993		277	539		163	35
36	Huntington Park	St. Luke's	1921	2721 E. Florence Ave.	Los Angeles	2	Charles P. Smith	E	700	8		518	1		359	16		36
37	Inglewood	Holy Trinity	1941	9300 S. Crenshaw Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	J. Benner Weaver	E	762	144		494	70		405	34		37
38	La Canada	Foothills	1948	308 Salisbury Road	Los Angeles	4	John P. Stump	E	223	69		145	45		113	29		38
39	Lakewood	Lakewood	1947	3806 San Anseline Ave.	Los Angeles	3	Louis F. Mertz	E	154	33		75	5		67	9		39
40	Las Vegas, Nev.	Reformation	1948	110 N. Ninth Street	Las Vegas	3	Thomas J. Daly	E	139	21		91	5		72	6		40
41	Long Beach	Faith	1945	3040 Santa Fe Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Paul C. Wharton	E	252	6		154	18		106	8		41
42	Long Beach	Trinity	1907	759 Linden Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Orval Awerkamp	E	1070	116		769	76		507	23		42
43	Los Angeles	Advent	1886	1329 S. Alvarado St.	Los Angeles	1	Henry Scherer	E	466	23		365	9		337	15		43
44	Los Angeles	Bethany	1926	7011 S. San Pedro St.	Los Angeles	1	Henry Irving Kohler	E	472		47	279	3		133	3		44
45	Los Angeles	First English	1887	3119 West Sixth St.	Los Angeles	1	Albert B. Schwertz	E	1575	144		1225	124		800	100		45
46	Los Angeles	St. Mark's	1904	1122 W. 36th Place	Los Angeles	1	Frederick H. Bartelt	E	252		98	202		88	125		34	46
47	Los Angeles	Transfiguration	1947	8515 S. Rayford Dr.	Los Angeles	1	J. Emery Ackerman	E	210	13		116	4		81	13		47
*48	Manhattan Beach	Trinity	1949	Manhattan Beach Blvd. & Herrin	Los Angeles	3	George L Ulrich	E	143	143		93	93		80	80		48*
49	Monterey Park	St. Paul's	1914	2009 S. Garfield Ave.	Los Angeles	1	Donald W. Endter	E	191	18		123	15		87	9		49
50	North Hollywood	St. Matthew's	1931	11031 Camarillo Blvd.	Los Angeles	1	Edward N. Spirer	E	928	22		543	11		385			50
51	Pasadena	Trinity	1903	997 E. Walnut St.	Los Angeles	1	H. Paul Romeis	E	774	15		557	1		400	10		51
52	Phoenix, Ariz.	Faith	1945	805 East Camelback Road	Maricopa	1	Frank H. Klutz	E	523	142		350	84		324	103		52
53	Phoenix, Ariz.	Grace	1914	1124 North Third St.	Maricopa	1	H. C. Lindsay	E	1324	58		810	32		774	34		53
54	Pomona	Trinity	1947	737 So. Hamilton Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	J. Wm. Bowman	E	136	29		75	16		71	16		54
55	Redlands	First	1901	East Olive at Myrtle	San Bernardino	3	Vacant	E	186		7	132		9	93		12	55
56	Riverside	Trinity	1892	9th and Walnut Sts.	Riverside	2	F. W. Heinecken	E	474	108		342	68		200	15		56
57	San Bernardino	First	1907	631 G. Street	San Bernardino	1	Arthur W. Alm	E	596		6	358		20	248	9		57
58	San Diego	Christ	1947	4761 Cass St.	San Diego	1	Quentin P. Garman	E	334	76		204	44		183	41		58
59	San Diego	First	1888	1320 Second Ave.	San Diego	1	Erwin A. Vosseler	E	805		6	620	26		332	2		59
60	San Diego	St. Peter's	1946	1371 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.	San Diego	1	Vlad P. Benko	E	235	50		124	27		71	11		60
*61	San Fernando	St. Mark's	1949	P. O. Box 807	Los Angeles	2	Marlin J. Fellner	E	200	200		115	115		100	100		61*
62	Santa Barbara	Grace	1904	1109 Anacapa	Santa Barbara	2	H. A. Anspach	E	303	57		208	38		142	15		62
63	Santa Monica	St. Paul's	1926	958 Lincoln Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	Clifford B. Holand	E	975	12		526		25	381	18		63
64	Tucson, Ariz	Our Saviour's	1945	Helen & Campbell	Pima	1	Titus R. Scholl	E	543	89		375	60		312	39		64
65	Westwood	Village	1937	343 Sepulveda Blvd.	Los Angeles	2	A. J. Soldan	E	215	53		157	30		128	30		65
66	Whittier	Salem	1946	236 S. Glengarry Ave.	Los Angeles	3	David E. Robison	E	289	93		194	51		141	34		66
	1949 Totals	Congregations 41					Pastors 71		20623	2091	657	14074	1299	424	10167	954	259	1949
	1948 Totals	Congregations 38					Pastors 62		19189	2116	163	13202	1255	145	9472	967	287	1948
	Increase	3					9		1434		494	872	41	279	695			Inc.
	Decrease									25						13	28	Dec.

(*) New Congregations (1) 100,000 or over (2) 25,000 to 99,999 (3) 10,000 to 24,999 (4) 2,500 to 9,999

Index Number	Men's Number	Men's Members	Women's Number	Women's Members	Mixed Number	Mixed Members	Y.People Number	Y.People Members	Valuation of Church Property: Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Expenses: Current	Unusual	Total	Congregational Benevolence, Unapportioned: Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Apportioned: Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	Index Number
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55		56	57	58	
26	1	35	2	61	3	76	1	20	50,000	20,000				70,600	3,939	9,802	9,149	18,951	20	90	46	423	266	839	2244	2248	3087	22,038	26
*27			1	30	1	12							830	830		1,103		1,103		10		48	105	163		122	285	1,388	27*
28	1	21	1	45			2	51	60,000	15,000				75,000	35,000	4,740	8,076	12,816					283	283	924	924	1207	14,023	28
29	1	18	1	24	1	14	1	14	78,000					78,000	22,000	7,104	6,752	13,856					200	200	1680	860	1060	14,916	29
30	1	30	1	26	1	20	1	15	36,000	11,500				47,500	29,700	3,132	4,069	7,201					71	71	900	901	972	8,173	30
31	1	20	2	40			2	30	32,000					32,000	25,000	6,224	3,789	10,013		100			345	445	912	921	1366	11,379	31
32	1	9	1	35	2	40				9,500	2,000		5,000	16,500	12,500	1,000	450	1,450					94	94	348	353	447	1,897	32
33	1	22	1	24			2	22	10,000		10,000			20,000	1,500	5,972	3,124	9,096					46	46	1044	1044	1090	10,186	33
34	1	125	2	215	2	111	4	103	30,000	11,800	10,080		73,585	125,465		26,373	1,425	27,798	1181	829	1173	791	5366	9340	7844	7900	17240	45,038	34
35	1	20	3	112	3	130	2	40	65,000	25,000	10,500		30,986	131,486	15,232	16,253	19,737	35,990	210	830	277	1246	930	3493	5616	4133	7626	43,616	35
36	1	34	3	94	1	31	2	43	103,289			175	2,373	105,837	28,000	7,637	6,672	14,309	108	308	15	180	331	942	2748	2748	3690	17,999	36
37	1	45	1	49	2	102	5	109	117,263					117,263	41,158	13,777	22,339	36,116					299	299	2964	2976	3275	39,391	37
38			1	30	1	35	1	6	39,000	12,300				51,300	44,763	4,756	45,71	10,227		49			198	247	672	672	919	11,146	38
39	1	22	1	24					10,000	12,000				22,000	15,000	1,909	186	2,095		100	35	62	190	387	468	520	907	3,002	39
40			1	14					6,450					6,450	4,750	1,683	1,745	3,428					48	48	528	548	596	4,024	40
41	1	15	1	20			2	20	16,000	10,500				26,500	12,138	3,073	2,084	5,157		68		33	234	335	780	784	1119	6,276	41
42	1	30	1	110	1	20	1	30	250,000				22,000	272,000	9,000	14,656	21,497	36,153		300		200	1182	1682	3876	3876	5558	41,711	42
43	1	25	3	72	4	109	2	45	37,500	15,000				52,500	7,000	12,302	6,665	18,967	18	168	355	636	2845	4022	2580	2580	6602	25,569	43
44	1	15	2	20			1	15	50,000					50,000		3,961		3,961					140	140	1044	1044	1184	5,145	44
45	1	60	3	130	1	40	3	60	100,000	37,000		13,000	5,000	155,000		52,219	2,617	54,836	363	2099	621	606	6509	10198	5604	5660	15858	70,694	45
46	1	22	3	61			1	36	27,000					27,000		5,563	623	6,186	120				341	461	1272	1272	1733	7,919	46
47	1	15	1	25	1	40	1	20	18,500	10,500	2,500		1,200	32,700	27,700	3,146	760	3,806		15	5	39	160	219	540	540	759	4,605	47
*48			1	20					8,030	11,000				19,030	17,865	1,724		1,724								100	100	1,824	48*
49	1	12	2	36	1	25				11,000			12,000	23,000	18,510	3,234	4,229	7,463	53	269		26	196	444	624	624	1068	8,531	49
50	1	15	2	49			3	76	35,500	8,000				43,500		15,196	1,311	16,507	249	70	295		1927	2541	3084	3084	5625	22,132	50
51	1	30	1	100	2	120	2	50	80,000	21,000			15,500	116,500		13,044	12,073	25,117	78	185	348	731	2428	3770	3120	3120	6890	32,007	51
52			1	67	3	125	1	50	62,500	10,000			7,500	80,000	32,240	8,266	7,566	15,832	376	569	407	35	692	2079	1764	1768	3847	19,679	52
53	1	85	1	150	1	68	3	110	75,000	6,000		3,700	8,500	93,200	10,284	18,622	14,647	33,269	191	678		210	1657	2736	5916	5920	8656	41,925	53
54	1	16	1	22			1	19	10,500	10,500				21,000	8,281	1,517	1,210	2,727	180		25		180	385	444	469	854	3,581	54
55			2	35	1	14	1	7	15,000	13,000				28,000	2,635	4,495		4,495		5			161	166	840	840	1006	5,501	55
56			3	80	2	85	2	35	20,000	5,000	5,000			30,000		8,994	1,000	9,994					528	528	1470	1480	2008	12,002	56
57			1	50	1	30	2	25	20,000	10,000			6,000	36,000	2,700	6,380	1,985	8,365	15	273	191	425	544	1448	1908	1908	3356	11,721	57
58	1	38	1	44			1	8	40,000	10,000				50,000	37,000	4,838	4,370	9,208	404	201	1072	76	344	2097	1140	1140	3237	12,445	58
59	1	30	3	84	1	30	1	30	61,000	8,900		5,693		75,593	11,152	9,620	4,869	14,589	218	466	176	40	493	1393	2640	2640	4033	18,622	59
60			1	20	3	36			22,900	8,425				31,325	26,925	4,070	4,452	8,522					187	187	480	480	667	9,189	60
*61			1	22			1	15								1,769	100	1,869					34	34		186	220	2,089	61*
62	1	16	1	45			2	20	30,000	4,000				34,000	1,650	5,288	758	6,046	207	30	90	193	888	1408	1020	1051	2459	8,505	62
63	1	25	2	113	2	61	3	74	135,000		40,000			175,000	25,000	11,782	11,000	22,782	10	343	20	157	1026	1556	2904	2941	4497	27,279	63
64	1	20	1	30	2	35	2	35	64,000	9,500				73,500	40,225	6,844	9,772	16,616	100	30	82	950	735	1897	2184	2184	4081	20,697	64
65			1	40	1	24	1	20	56,000				10,000	66,000	6,500	11,966	3,590	15,556				175	3200	3375	780	780	4155	19,711	65
66			1	32	1	40	2	28	35,000				4,000	39,000	17,570	4,064	2,866	6,930	38				317	355	852	852	1207	8,137	66
1949	29	870	63	2300	45	1473	62	1281	1,906,432	336,425	80,080	22,568	204,474	2,549,979	592,917	348,098	213,068	561,166	4139	7985	5233	7282	35,714	60,323	75,764	74,193	134,546	695,712	1949
1948	27	828	61	2190	36	1254	54	1136	1,674,638	296,500	85,080	15,600	319,475	2,391,293	489,424	306,687	237,964	544,651	3690	6559	2285	7554	30,740	50,828	43,960	70,428	121,256	665,907	1948
Inc.	2	42	2	110	9	219	8	145	231,794	39,925		6,968		158,686	103,493	41,411		16,515	449	1426	2948		4,974	9,525	31,804	3,765	13,290	29,805	Inc.
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26	576	382	261	22	16	38	8		11		19	19		2	18	37	5	62	3	19	20	42	1	20	136	12	42						62			2	14	26
27	68	51	40	7	12	19			2		2	17		5	13	21	15	54	1	2		3	1	6	40								18			2		27
28	262	175	137	2	15	17	2				2	15		1	5	27	6	39	2		2	4	1	15	180		15	1	2	96			19				5	28
29	431	314	180	13	3	16	1			35	36		20	3	4	9	10	26	3	5	23	31	1	9	91								9				11	29
30	281	200	120	10	8	18	2				2	16		2	2	36	2	42	1			1	1	18	85	5	15	1	2	8			4					30
31	298	187	148	15	4	19	6				6	13			21	22	10	53		7	14	21	1	14	140			2	10	70			21		1		4	31
32	134	83	45	4	6	10						10		1	7	44		12	1			1	1	10	58		10						16				1	32
33	263	175	132	9	1	10	1	1			2	8		1	18	9	5	33		5	22	27	1	15	162		19						19					33
34	1,459	1,175	1008	41	25	66	9	1	20	10	40	26		4	30	68	32	134	8	61	36	105	1	39	442	10	97	1	17	90			107	1		4	30	34
35	1,402	993	539	40	21	61	4		17	231	252		191	5	13	21	15	54	11	51	269	269	1	30	290		35	1	1	30	1	27	18				14	35
36	700	518	359	18	10	28	6		5	10	21	7		1	16	22	2	41	2	10	28	40	1	23	201	20	28				3	24	32				13	36
37	762	494	405	42	46	88	11		3		14	74		7	36	30	20	93	4	18	1	23	1	22	196		174						93			1	8	37
38	223	145	113	10	20	30	3		1	2	6	24		2	21	26	2	51		2	4	6	1	13	80		25						23				3	38
39	154	75	67	10	24	34			6		6	28		3	9	11	1	24	1	5	13	19	1	12	110		25	1	6	25			13				2	39
40	139	91	72	14	13	27				11	11	16		4	7	15	2	28		5	18	23	1	5	44		8						11					40
41	252	154	106	19	8	27	4		9	26	39		12	7	16	7	9	39		8	13	21	1	16	168		30	1	7	69			33				4	41
42	1070	769	527	41	14	55			5	10	15	40		10	18	69	5	102	5	19	2	26	1	22	263		83				1	20	28	1			21	42
43	466	365	337	13	13	26	2		7	3	12	14		3	6	45	13	67	7	21	30	58	1	23	148		30	1	12	44			84			1	15	43
44	472	279	133	15	10	25	5		10	60	75		50		10	15	3	28		8	17	25	1	10	75		25						20					44
45	1,575	1,225	800	40	8	48	8			20	28	20		8	125	69		202	19	40	19	78	1	20	110		35	1	5	80			13	1		5	16	45
46	252	202	125	12	3	15				25	25		10	3		6		9	3	14	80	97	1	12	92		10						8			1	3	46
47	210	116	81	15	5	20			5	6	11	9			2	11	2	15		3	8	11	1	12	150								10				3	47
48	143	93	80	8	45	53				3	3	50		6	2	44	45	97			4	4	1	5	71		12						8				2	48
49	191	123	87	11	4	15		1	4	7	12	3			5	10	9	24	2	7		9	1	14	55		18						7				7	49
50	928	543	385	33	10	43	7		6	19	32	11		4	12	35	32	83	6	16	50	72	1	23	325		48				2	12	32			1	12	50
51	774	557	400	20	16	36	7		2	13	22	14		4	7	45	15	71	9	24	37	70	1	20	302		49						41				24	51
52	523	350	324	29	43	72	6		2	6	14	58		13	28	37	33	111	1	3	23	27	1	46	343	12	27				6	23	41	1			17	52
53	1,324	810	774	63	44	107	40	6	15	20	81	26		9	58	140		207	14	60	101	175	1	45	495	64	85						67			1	27	53
54	136	75	71	6	7	13						13		6		11	2	19	1	2		3	1	7	54		16						15				1	54
55	186	132	93	3		3				1	1	2			2	2		4	2	10	1	13	1	6	24		12						2				2	55
56	474	342	200	8	37	45				5	5	40		12		75	15	102	4	6	24	34	1	24	100		30	1	5	40			50				4	56
57	596	358	248	25	9	34	14	2	4		20	14		4	19	13	4	40	3	7	50	60	1	20	130	14	22				2	50	24	1			7	57
58	334	204	183	28	21	49	6			11	17	32		10	40	21		71	2	7	18	27	1	22	290		30						50	1			2	58
59	805	620	332	50	6	56			13	75	88		32	7	10	37	18	72	8	38		46	1	19	150	30	75	1	6	45			20	2		2	11	59
60	235	124	71	30	14	44	5		3	13	21	23		2	44	21		67		2	38	40	1	10	141		22	1	6	74			46				2	60
61	200	115	100	41	44	85						85		12	27	41	37	117	2			2	1	12	84		23						39					61
62	303	208	142	11	8	19						19		5	6	12	19	42	4			4	1	8	62		21	2	3	32			11				2	62
63	975	526	381	57	10	67	1		5	24	30	37		3	16	54	6	79	4	10	90	104	1	23	248		90						27			2	12	63
64	543	375	312	27	31	58	17		6	6	29	29			43	58	9	110	4	18	28	50	1	20	210	7	37	1	6	100			50				27	64
65	215	157	128	24	8	32	5			4	9	23		8	23	8	1	40	2	2	6	10	1	18	160		40						31					65
66	289	194	141	18	28	46			2	2	4	42		1	10	36	9	56	1	4		5	1	21	217	2	25						14				2	66
1949	20,623	14,074	10167	907	670	1,574	180	11	163	658	1012	877	315	178	749	1,280	413	2,620	140	519	1089	1,748	41	729	6,722	176	1388	16	88	803	15	156	1236	8	1	22	328	1949
1948	19,189	13,202	9,472	907	544	1,451	130	9	163	306	608	908	65	188	487	1,367	379	2,421	100	432	779	1,311	38	657	6,018	181	1176	14	89	736	24	178	1159	6	1	19	284	1948
Inc.	1,434	872	695		126	123	50	2		352	404		250				34	199	40	87	310	437	3	72	704		212	2		67			77	2		3	44	Inc.
Dec.				3								31		10	262	87										5			1		9	22						Dec.

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SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES—Continued

Index Number	PASTORAL CHARGE (City or Town)	Congregation	When Organized	ADDRESS: GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION				COUNTY	Population	PASTOR As of December 31, 1949	Languages Used in Worship Services	MEMBERSHIP: BAPTIZED: Number of Members 14	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	BAPTIZED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	CONFIRMED: Number of Members 15	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	CONFIRMED: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	COMMUNING: Number of Members 16	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Gain	COMMUNING: Gain or Loss: Net Loss	Index Number
				Geographical Loc. of Church Bldg.				Total		Pastors											
				(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)														
	North. Conference	Congregations, 25		14	7	1	3	25		36		9,719	901	124	6,503	509	153	4,352	490	102	
	South. Conference	Congregations, 41		19	13	7	2	41		72		20,623	2,091	657	14,074	1,296	424	10,167	954	259	
	1949 Totals.....	Congregations, 66		33	20	8	5	66		107		30,342	2,992	781	20,577	1,805	577	14,519	1,444	361	1949
	1948 Totals.....	Congregations, 61		33	18	6	4	61		96		28,131	3,002	217	19,349	1,755	198	13,436	1,265	404	1948
	Increase.....	Congregations, 5.		..	2	2	1	5		11		2,211	.....	564	1,228	50	379	1,083	179	.....	Inc.
	Decrease	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....		.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	Dec.

SUMMARY BY CONFERENCES, TABLE 1—Continued

Index Number	MEMBERSHIP																					EDUCATION															Index Number
				CHILD MEMBERS									ADULT MEMBERS									PARISH											HIGHER				
				Accessions			Losses				Gain or Loss		Accessions					Losses				Sunday Schools					Weekday Schools			Children of Church		Number of Catechumens					
	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	By Baptism 1	By Certificate 2	Total A	Trans by Confirm. 3	By Death 4	By Certificate 5	By Dismissl 6	Total B	Net Gain	Net Loss	By Baptism 7	By Confirm. 8	By Certificate 9	By Restoration 10	Total C	By Death 11	By Certificate 12	By Dismissl 13	Total D	Number 17	Staff Members 18	In Sun. School 19	In Hme Dept. 20	Cradle Roll 21	Number 22	Teachrs 23	Pupils 24	Leaders 25	Pupils 26	27	In Lutheran Seminaries 28	In Lutheran Motherhouses 29	In Other Luth. Insts. 30	In Non-Luth. Insts. 31	
No.	9,719	6,503	4,352	493	275	768	81	8	102	166	357	428	17	74	402	439	183	1098	80	158	535	773	27	331	2,961	31	646	7	63	626	4	15	663	2	....	3	164	No.
So.	20,623	14,074	10167	904	670	1,574	180	11	163	658	1012	877	315	178	749	1,280	413	2620	140	519	1089	1,748	41	729	6,722	176	1388	16	88	803	15	156	1236	8	1	22	328	So.
1949	30,342	20,577	14519	1397	945	2,342	261	19	265	658	1369	1305	332	252	1151	1,719	596	3718	220	677	1624	2,521	68	1060	9,683	207	2034	23	151	1429	19	171	1899	10	1	25	492	1949
1948	28,131	19,349	13436	1371	698	2,069	205	16	208	410	839	1303	73	275	753	1,718	571	3317	187	532	1043	1,762	62	953	8,346	198	1809	20	152	1411	24	178	1673	9	1	23	427	1948
Inc.	2,211	1,228	1083	26	247	273	....	....	....	....	530	2	259	....	398	1	25	401	33	145	581	759	6	107	1,337	9	225	....	....	....	....	....	226	1	....	2	65	Inc.
Dec.	....	....	....	....	....	....	56	3	57	414	....	....	....	23	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	1	18	5	7	....	....	....	....	....	Dec.

SUMMARY, TABLE 1—Continued

Index Number	GROUP ORGANIZATIONS								FINANCIAL																						Index Number
	Men's		Womn's		Mixed		Y. People		VALUATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY							Congregational Expenses			CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE												
																			UNAPPORTIONED						APPORTIONED						
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Building	Parsonage	School and/or Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Education	Foreign Missions	American Missions	Social Missions	Other Benevolence	Total	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55		56	57	58	
No.	16	413	47	1276	18	535	25	400	1,046,531	236,700	84,500	116,321	130,823	1,614,884	307,360	162,708	1,62880	325,588	2518	1165	1750	5237	13,674	24.344	31,704	32,340	56,684	382,272	No.
So.	29	870	63	2300	45	1473	62	1281	1,906,432	336,425	86,800	22,586	264,474	2,549,979	529,917	348,098	213,068	561,166	4139	7985	5233	7282	35,714	60,353	75,764	74,193	134,546	695,712	So.
1949	45	1283	110	3576	63	2008	87	1681	2,952,963	573,125	164,580	13,8889	335,306	4,164,863	900,277	510,806	375,948	886,754	6657	9150	6983	12519	49,388	84.697	107,468	106,533	191,230	1077,984	1949
1948	42	1216	108	3466	50	1628	78	1535	2,540,888	480,167	152,080	131,466	498,705	3,803,306	693,042	445,399	319,257	764,656	5529	7703	2730	9980	50,791	76,773	62,875	100,307	177,040	941,696	1948
Inc.	3	67	2	110	13	380	9	146	412,075	92,958	12,500	7,423	....	361,557	207,235	65,407	56,691	122,098	1128	1447	4253	2539	....	7,964	44,593	6,226	14,190	136,288	Inc.
Dec.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	163,399	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1403	....	....	....	....	....	Dec.

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Proceedings of The

of the

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Huntington Park, California

April 25 and 26, 1950

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*Mrs. J. W. Ball	1909-1912
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Beverly Hills, Beverly Hills Lutheran (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Elsie Spicer, 127 N. Hamilton Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif.

Burbank, Luther Memorial (Dorcas Society)—Miss Kathryn Young, 227 W. Cedar, Burbank, Calif.

Culver City, Grace (Ladies of Grace Lutheran)—Mrs. Harold Crawford, 3265½ Fay Ave., Los Angeles 34, Calif.

El Monte, Redeemer (Women of the Church)—Mrs. M. H. Remington, 2615 N. Paulson Ave., El Monte, Calif.

Gardena, St. Johns (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Helen Somer, 1328 W. 161st St., Gardena, Calif.

Glendale, First (Women's Council of Christian Missions)—Mrs. Harry Sime, 2110 E. Chevy Chase, Glendale, Calif.

Glendale, First (Business and Professional Women)—Charlotte Schoffer, 112 N. Verdugo, Glendale 6, Calif.

Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (Women of the Church)—Mrs. M. H. Shoreen, 4126 Edenhurst Ave., Los Angeles 39, Calif.

Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (Florence M. Welty Society)—Mrs. Lorraine B. Gottschalk, 4758½ Franklin Ave., Hollywood 27, Calif.

Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Gospel Light Society)—Mrs. Anna Keighley, 7010 Marconi, Huntington Park, Calif.

Hunting Park, St. Lukes (Go Ye Society)—Mrs. Elva Johnson, 4036 Broadway, Hunting Park, Calif.

Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas Society)—Mrs. LeRoy Wardle, 8110 Third Ave., Inglewood, Calif.

La Canada, Evangelical Lutheran in Foothills (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Herbert Peters, 4376 Hayman Ave., La Canada, Calif.

Lakewood, Lakewood Evangelical (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Violet Lange, 5432 Brittain St., Long Beach 8, Calif.

Las Vegas, Reformation Lutheran (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Mary Daly, 245 N. 20th St., Las Vegas, Nevada.

Long Beach, Faith Lutheran (Women's Missionary Society)—Mrs. Julia Sexauer, 3533 Easy Ave., Long Beach 10, Calif.

Long Beach, Trinity (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Elfreda Screws, 2830 Fashion Ave., Long Beach 10, Calif.

Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Cyrus E. Johnson, 206 N. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif.

Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas Society)—Miss Margaret Brandt, 4193½ Leimert Blvd., Los Angeles 43, Calif.

Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eeta Sigma)—Mrs. Barbara Johnson, 619 N. Kenmore, Los Angeles 4, Calif.

Los Angeles, Bethany (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Justin Malone, 5638 Carlton Way, Hollywood 28, Calif.

Los Angeles, First English (Women of the Church-Day Group)—Mrs. Harry W. Hahn, 1655 Ben Lomond Drive, Glendale 2, Calif.

Los Angeles, First English (Women of the Church-Evening Group)—Miss Elsie Roos, 2565 W. 11th St., Los Angeles 6, Calif.

Los Angeles, St. Marks (Women's Missionary Society)—Mrs. M. Volkert, 4012 Woodlawn Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Los Angeles, St. Marks (Loving Hearts Society)—Mrs. Rosemary Beemer, 6113½ S. Main St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Los Angeles, St. Pauls (W.M.S. of St. Paul's)—Mrs. William Har, 1931 So. Charlotte Ave., San Gabriel, Calif.

Los Angeles, St. Paul's (Yowomis Society)—Miss Shirlee Miller, 531 N. Eastman, Los Angeles 33, Calif.

Los Angeles, Transfiguration (Dorcas Society)—Mrs. Harlan Moore, 411 Campbell St., Playa Del Rey, Calif.

North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Mena Spirer Society)—Mrs. Elvida Kohnen, 4233 Bakman Ave., N. Hollywood, Calif.

North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Faith Society)—Mrs. Mary Shrader, 5253 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.

Pasadena, Trinity (Women of the Church)—Mrs. A. Templar, 1208 Oxford Ave., Pasadena, Calif.

Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Emil Demchak, 2540 E. Devenshire Ave., Phoenix, Arizona.

Phoenix, Grace (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Roger C. Thomas, 135 E. Missouri, Phoenix, Arizona.

Pomona, Trinity (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Ann Daisley, 310 Alvarado, Pomona, Calif.

Redlands, First (Women of the Church)—Mrs. George Ott, 21 W. University, Redlands, Calif.

Redlands, First (Women's Guild)—Mrs. D. L. Spindt, 1010 College Ave., Redlands, Calif.

Riverside, Trinity (Women's Missionary Guild)—Mrs. F. W. Heinecken, 3925 Walnut St., Riverside, Calif.

Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl Society)—Mrs. Florence Snyder, 3569 Eucalyptus Ave., Riverside, Calif.

San Bernardino, First (Women of the Church)—Mrs. H. N. Larson, 1496 Crescent Ave., San Bernardino, Calif.

San Bernardino, First (Young Women of the Church)—Mrs. Arthur Alm, 631 G St., San Bernardino, Calif.

San Diego, First (Women of the Church-Day Group)—Mrs. Martin Johnson, 525 22nd St., San Diego, Calif.

San Diego, First (Women of the Church-Evening Group)—Mrs. Esther Wells, 4268 Fairmount Ave., San Diego, Calif.

San Diego, First (Women of the Church-Junior Group)—Mrs. H. M. Urbach, 5934 Alta Mesa Way, San Diego, Calif.

San Diego, St. Peters By The Sea (Ocean Beach) (Women of the Church)—Miss Eleanor Pinkley, 4017 Del Mar, San Diego, Calif.

San Diego, Christ Lutheran (Pacific Beach) (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Olin Blount, 3130 Cauby St., San Diego, Calif.

Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Ole Tweidt, 2513 Orella, Santa Barbara, Calif.

San Fernando, St. Marks (Women of the Church)—Mrs. R. E. Gerke, 8939 Noble Ave., Sepulveda, Calif.

Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild and Missionary Society)—Mrs. A. I. Widlund, 953 19th St., Santa Monica, Calif.

Tucson, Our Saviour's (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Alfred Schulz, 2620 N. Fargeans Ave., Tucson, Arizona.

Westwood Village (Village Lutheran Missionary Guild)—Mrs. Geo. Ordway, 10729 Rochester, West Los Angeles 24, Calif.

West Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Helen Haberland, 10760 S. Bonavista Lane, Whittier, Calif.

Van Nuys, St. Andrews (Women of the Church)—Mrs. Harry Miner, 4501 Kathryn Ave., Sherman Oaks, Calif.

MINUTES OF THE

Fifty-Eighth Annual Convention

OF THE

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

SYNOD OF CALIFORNIA

Theme: "IF WE LOVE HIM, WE WILL BE BUILDERS."

FIRST SESSION

April 25, 1950, 9:00 a.m.

The service of Holy Communion was conducted by the Rev. Charles P. Smith, host pastor who also delivered the sermon. The Administrants were: The Rev. Charles P. Smith and the Rev. J. Benner Weaver.

Soloist: Mrs. M. E. Nelson, St. Luke's, Huntington Park, Calif.

Following the communion service the fifty-eighth annual convention was formally opened by our president, Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz. First report of the credential committee was given by Miss Helen Hjort, reporting:

Pastor's wives	27
Officers	8
Department secretaries	8
Delegates	120
Visitors	126
Total	289

Mrs. Clarence C. Crouser, program chairman, presented the program and moved that the program be adopted as the agenda. Motion carried.

The following convention committees were announced:

Nominations—Mrs. Orville Awerkamp, Mrs. Clara Shafer, Mrs. Clara Phipps, Mrs. H. Rohrbach, Miss Agnes Jensen.

President's Report—Mrs. Carl Christenson, Mrs. Julia Sexauer, Mrs. Mary Daly, Mrs. Wanda Demchak.

Resolutions—Mrs. H. Falk, Mrs. H. R. Sime, Mrs. Cyrus Johnson.

Claims—Mrs. Eugene Hoeftman, Mrs. Helen Somer, Mrs. Kathryn Rasmussen, Mrs. H. E. Russell.

Tellers—Mrs. John Holmes, Mrs. Florence Snyder, Mrs. Eleanor Pinkley.

Ushers—Mrs. Don Wagner, Miss Betty Lou Johnson, Miss Henka Schlaak.

Reporter to Lutheran Women's Work—Mrs. E. Dale Click.

Mrs. Anna Keighly extended a most gracious welcome to the convention. The response was given by Mrs. J. J. Gent.

Mrs. F. P. Reiter, National Vice-President was introduced and a lei from our Women of the Church in Honolulu was presented to her by Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz.

Mrs. G. H. Kohls, a missionary from China, now serving the church on the campus at the University of California in Berkeley was introduced. All officers and department secretaries were introduced. All pastors present were introduced.

Reports of officers 1949-1950:

President's report was given by Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz. A motion prevailed that the president's report be accepted and that the recommendations be presented to the Committee on President's Report.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. H. E. Russell. The secretary read the report of the auditor, Wayne Pfundstein. A motion prevailed that the treasurer's report together with the auditor's report be accepted.

Statistician's, Historian's and Archivist's reports were given by Miss Helen Hjort, Mrs. J. J. Gent and Mrs. Wm. H. North, respectively. Motion prevailed that these reports be accepted.

The offering of $92.65 was received and consecrated by the Rev. Wm. Bowman.

Closing collect.

Luncheon was served by the host church.

SECOND SESSION

April 25, 1:30 p.m.

The session was opened with the singing of the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."

Devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Paul A. Herskind, whose topic was: "Builders Through Worship."

Our timekeepers, Mrs. Ruth Failing and Mrs. Elfreda Screws were introduced.

The proposed budget for 1950 was presented as follows:

Thank offering	$10,000.00
Free Will Offering	3,000.00
Life Membership	1,800.00
Patron and Protege	1,350.00
Special Aids, Rocky Boy	300.00
Deaconess	150.00
California Lutheran Home	500.00
Administrative expense fund	900.00
Synodical Missions	7,000.00
Total	$25,000.00

A motion to adopt the budget as presented carried.

Dr. James P. Beasom, because of illness was unable to deliver his address, "Along Our Mission Trails." Silent prayers were given for Dr. Beasom.

Mrs. Robert R. Inslee gave an address, "A Blueprint for Women's Missionary Society." It was an inspiring address on our triennial emphasis, Worship, Membership, Stewardship.

Mrs. James P. Beasom, Promotional Secretary, presented the following nine new societies that were officially received into the synodical society:

Women of the Church, Our Saviours, Alhambra.
Junior Women of the Church, First, San Diego.
Women of the Church, St. Marks, San Fernando.
Women of the Church, Van Nuys.
Women of the Church, Epiphany, San Leandro.
Women of the Church, St. Paul's, Fresno.
Women of the Church, St. James, Project City.
Gamma Chi Circle, Temple, San Francisco.
Christian Life Circle, Grace, Alhambra.

California Lutheran Home, Lutheran Welfare, Camp Yolijwa and Student Service was presented by Mrs. Orville Lyons, Mrs. Frederick Smith, Mrs. Quentin Garmon and Mrs. G. H. Kohls, respectively.

The report of the committee on constitution and the election of officers was postponed.

Mrs. F. P. Reiter, National Vice-President, addressed the convention on the theme "Building a Sure Foundation."

Mrs. H. H. Hahn, Life Membership secretary, presided over the Life and In Memoriam shower. Ninety-three Life Memberships, eight In Memoriam (transferals), and four In Memoriams were made, totalling $1,150.00.

An offering for Home Missions amounting to $91.00 was received and consecrated by the Rev. Q. Garman.

Closing Collect.

THIRD SESSION

A banquet was held in the Parish Hall of Redeemer Lutheran church, Liberty and Seville Sts., South Gate. Mrs. Clarence F. Crouser presided. Mrs. Maynard H. Shoreen served as banquet chairman. The Femiso Choir of the Council of United Church Women of Glendale provided the music.

Mrs. F. P. Reiter delivered an address on "Let Us Rise Up and Build."

Mrs. C. N. Alm, Special Aids Secretary, presented the shower gifts for Home Missions. Total gift amounted to $4,675.51. The Rev. Chas. P. Smith consecrated the offering.

360 attended the banquet.

FOURTH SESSION

April 26, 1950, 9:30 a.m.

Hymn: "Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation."
Devotion: "Builders Through Membership," Miss Jeanette Larson.

Report of the Constitution Committee was given by Mrs. James P. Beasom, as follows:

CONSTITUTION

Article IV—Officers—

Section 1: Add "elected" before officers.
Eliminate "a Treasurer, a Historian."
Add "A Treasurer shall be appointed annually by the Executive Board."
Section 2: Paragraph 2 shall become "Section 3."
Section 3: (new) Eliminate "the Historian."

Article V—Duties of Officers—

Section 6: Eliminate Section 6 and add duties of Historian to those of the Archivist.
Section 7: Shall become Section 6. Duties of Archivist shall be enlarged to include those formerly performed by Historian.
Section 8: Shall become Section 7.
Eliminate "Department Secretaries."
Add "and any member of the Society who may be elected to the Executive Board of the W.M.S. of the U.L.C.A.

Article IX—Synodical Relations—NEW—

Recognizing itself as an integral part of the Synod of California of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, this Society shall render an annual report of its proceedings to Synod and, when deemed advisable, it shall confer, through the Executive Board, with the Executive Board of the Synod.

BY-LAWS

Article I—Synodical Convention—

Section 2a: (NEW) Alternates may be named for the Congregational Presidents and the delegates.

Article III—Traveling Expenses—

Section 1: First paragraph shall become Section 1.
Section 2: (NEW) Traveling expenses of the Executive Board to and from authorized Board Meetings shall be paid from the Synodical Administration Expense Fund.

Article IV—Synodical Fee—Title shall be changed to:
SYNODICAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND.
Paragraph 1 shall be eliminated.
Section 1: (NEW) Each Congregational Society shall contribute a free-will offering.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Jr., Chm.
Mrs. Harry Russell
Mrs. Robert Inslee.

Motion made and carried that these changes be adopted as a whole.

Report of the Nominating Committee was given and the following were presented:

President.....Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz
Vice-President.....Mrs. Clarence F. Crouser
Secretary.....Mrs. Maynard H. Shoreen
Statistician.....Miss Helene Hjort
Archivist.....Mrs. Wm. North

There being no nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for the nominated officers.

A recommendation from the executive board was given as follows:

That we set a regular time for our annual synodical meeting which may or may not be held at the same time as synod. Moved that this recommendation be adopted.

Motion that we set a definite date for the annual synodical convention was carried.

Motion that we have our convention at the same time as synod was carried.

An invitation was extended from the St. John's Lutheran Church, Sacramento, for the next convention.

Motion made and seconded that details be left with the executive board.

Forty-five minutes were given to clinics.

Mission Study—Literature and Magazines—Leaders: Miss Louisa Miller and Mrs. Elva Nicholson.

Treasurer—Leader: Mrs. H. E. Russell.

Statisticians—Leader: Miss Helene Hjort.

Presidents—Leader: Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz.

After the clinics we assembled again and Mrs. G. H. Kohls, addressed the convention, her topic being "Building for Christ in China."

A beautiful solo, "The Lord is my Shepherd" was sung by Mrs. Fred Reiter, Huntington Park.

Mrs. Henry Scherer, gave a very fine presentation on "Thankoffering" concluding with a thankoffering which amounted to $88.00. The offering was consecrated by Mrs. Henry Scherer.

Closing Collect.

Luncheon was served by the women of the Host church.

FIFTH SESSION

Wednesday, April 26, 1:30 p.m.

The session opened with the singing of hymn "Thy Life was Given for Me," followed by a very inspiring devotional message, "Builders Through Stewardship" by Mrs. T. A. Youngquist.

A forum was conducted by three mission pastors, discussing "Mission Building."
"A church is born," The Rev. John P. Stump.
"The middle years," The Rev. Howard A. Lenhardt.
"On into the future," The Rev. J. Benner Weaver.

Echoes from Grand Rapids were given by the delegates who attended the national convention, Mrs. Henry Scherer, Mrs. Robert Inslee, Miss Helene Hjort, Miss Jeannette Larson, Mrs. Maynard Shoreen and Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz.

The closing address was given by Mrs. F. P. Reiter, "Building a Christian America."

Reports of Convention Committees:

A motion was made that the president's report be accepted and recommendation be adopted as a whole. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eugene Hoeftman, chairman of the claims committee presented bills as follows:

President's expense		$ 8.00
Vice-President's expense		7.86
Statistician's expense		24.27
Treasurer's expense		20.00
Special Aids		8.03
Thankoffering		2.23
Convention expense, Misc.:		
First English	$15.00	
Housing	6.21	
Badges	13.00	
Mimeographing	7.11	
		41.32
Total		$111.71

A motion prevailed that all bills be paid.

Credential committee reported a final total of 392, comprised of delegates 171, executive officers 8, secretaries 8, pastors wives 28 and visitors 177. 230 communed at the opening of the convention.

Mrs. Heinrich Falk, chairman, gave the report of the Resolutions committee.

Thanks were expressed by our vice president, Mrs. Clarence F. Crouser for the untiring efforts of our president, Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz in promoting the work of the Women's Missionary Society.

Thanks were expressed by Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz to all committees, to the speakers, to the devotional leaders, to Pastor and Mrs. Smith and the women of St. Luke's.

The elected officers were installed by Mrs. F. P. Reiter.

The president, Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz declared the fifty-eighth convention closed.

Missionary Benediction.

Mrs. Maynard H. Shoreen, Recording Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To members of the Women's Missionary Society of the California Synod, we bring our warmest greetings.

Assembled as we are in beautiful St. Luke's Church, Huntington Park, for our 58th Annual Convention, we certainly are conscious of the protecting care of our Heavenly Father since we gathered together one year ago. It was then that we sat at the feet of our beloved past president, Mrs. P. J. Kramer. When we received from her the symbol of authority at the close of that outstanding meeting, we were coginzant of the fact that the tempo set would be difficult to maintain. We rest in the fact that we have given our best to continue this high standard of efficiency.

The theme for this Convention, "If we love Him—we will be builders for Him," is typical of this area here on the Pacific Coast. To keep in step with the progress and development within the bounds of our Synod, **we must build,** or should I say, we must **continue to build.** We need only to cast one glance inside the cover page of our program for this year to see the Synod's Mission Program which is already in effect.

The Women's Missionary Society of this Synod has a romantic history. Those who have preceded us, did so much with so little. But that which they lacked in a material way they made up in spiritual values. **If we love Him,** the past will obligate us to give our best to the present task. Most of us and our societies have not even begun to approach the full measure of what we can do in being builders for Him.

We use this report as the expression of that which was current on one of our radio programs, "It is only the beginning—it's only the beginning." **Yes, if we love Him**—we will pay our debt to those who have left us our present heritage by undergirding a building program that will startle the most optimistic souls of Christian men and women. If we rest upon our past achievements we are destined to decay.

In spite of all that had been done by the early Christians, the sainted Apostle Paul urged the people not to rest upon the laurels of their past faith and accomplishments but to abound more and more. For a few moments let us gaze into the rear vision mirror of the year recently closed, only that we may plan for more enjoyable and profitable journey for the year just ahead.

To Mrs. Clarence Crouser, our efficient Vice-President, your president owes much. The beautiful programs of this meeting and other accomplishments have been brought into being by her native genius.

To Mrs. Maynard Shoreen, secretary, Mrs. Harry Russell, treasurer, Miss Helene Hjort, statistician, Mrs. John Gent, historian, Mrs. W. H. North, archivist, we owe much for their untiring services in their respective offices.

To the Conference presidents and department secretaries likewise we express our sincere thanks.

Due to the increased activity of Synodical responsibilities, it was felt essential that an ad interim meeting of the Executive Committee be held. This took place at Los Angeles last January. The results of this two-day meeting were many and varied.

Among the important items were: first, the setting up of a Synodical Budget. This will be submitted to the delegates of this Convention for approval. Secondly, plans were made to put into effect immediately the program as adopted at the Grand Rapids National Convention last October. With our new emphasis on **giving,** we must rise above commercial means of financing the Lord's work. Third, now that the Women's Missionary Society has taken on an added meaning—that is worship, membership, stewardship, plans were made to weigh this Triennial emphasis on the hearts of every church woman. Mrs. Robert Inslee will serve as Triennial Emphasis chairman. Fourth, Dr. J. P. Beasom, Synod's president, presented the Synodical Mission project, asking that we think seriously concerning this as an added budget item.

The California Synodical was represented at the Grand Rapids General Convention October, 1949, by Mrs. Robert Inslee, Mrs. Maynard Shoreen, Mrs. Henry Scherer, Mrs. P. J. Beasom, California Executive Board Member ably represented us, as well as Miss Jeannette Larson, a Congress visitor. Several other visitors from the California Synodical were also present. Your president attended the President's Conference at Grand Rapids prior to the convention.

As a Synodical we were especially honored when Mrs. F. P. Reiter was elected vice-president of the General Society. We welcome her to this her first Synodical Convention in California and pledge her our love and interest in the great task she has as vice president of the General Society.

This report would be incomplete if I did not call your attention to a few major changes in the Constitution of the W.M.S. of the U.L.C.A. made at Grand Rapids.

There will no longer be associate memberships in our organization. A woman who attends stated meetings of her congregational Society whenever possible and makes a reasonable contribution toward the budget of the Womn's Missionary Society will be considered a member.

The elemination of the word, assessments, from the constitution of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Churches, places the income of the General Society on a basis of free will contributions rather than dues, and means a new method of determining active membership. It is felt this is a constructive step toward Christian stewardship and will result in a more accurate report of the membership of the Society.

During the triennium 1949-52

(a) instead of receiving Christmas offerings we are to promote the support of our budget for Interchurch Projects through increased Thank Offering;

(b) instead of receiving Lenten Self-Denial offerings we are to promote the support of our budget for the Board of American Missions through increased Thank Offering.

(c) instead of receiving a Lace Day offering we are to promote the support of industrial work through increased Thank Offering.

Through Thank Offering we shall continue to emphasize the daily gift and the Thank Offering will include the former Christmas offering, the Lenten Offering, and the Lace Day offering. As soon as practicable the Thank offering should be received quarterly or more often.

The observance of India Lace Day will be discontinued but we are to promote interest in industrial work on all the fields. Promotion exhibits of industrial products from the different fields will be available for conventions.

The Triennial Objective for 1949-1952 is to be a three-fold emphasis on Worship, Membership, Stewardship.

If we desire, the Thank Offering resulting from enriching Worship, larger Membership and more responsible Stewardship may be designated by the Synodical Society for a project selected from the regular budget.

It was my happy pleasure to visit and speak to the majority of the congregational societies in the Northern Conference. Through careful and thoughtful planning by Helen Hjort, Northern Conference President, an itinerary was planned. Because of the sudden death of Miss Helene's mother, she was not permitted to visit the societies with me.

It was also a pleasure to speak to three societies in the San Diego area and to the two societies in Phoenix, and one at Tucson, as well as several in the Los Angeles area.

Mrs. Chitase Kishi spent ten days in California before sailing for Japan. An itinerary was planned for her and the privilege of assisting her in securing a typewriter, sewing machine and other supplies was ours.

It was a delightful experience to teach a credit course and act as Counselor for the senior girls at Camp Yolijwa last August.

Let us review a few statistical facts of the year 1949:

1. There was a gain of five new congregational societies.
2. A membership gain of 337 brings the total to 2397.
3. The "Hawaiian Special" totaled $5,509.25.
4. Lutheran Woman's Work subscriptions are 1,186. This means that but about one-half of our membership are readers of the Lutheran Woman's Work. If we say we do not "have time" to read, let us "make time."
5. There were only forty-eight public Thank Offering services and thirty Week of Prayer Services reported. This we need to check carefully since we have fallen short and as we take on the "Triennial Emphasis"—make Worship the most vital.

In conclusion, let us recall our Convention theme once more, "If we love Him we will be builders for Him." Let us meet this challenge of building for eternity. As Lutheran women we need not fear the scare of the "H" bomb. We shall be building values that all the forces of destruction of this world can never destroy.

Let us therefore face the future with added determination, whatever may be the cry of our weak hearted, faithless and doubting people of today, we rest in the security for our tomorrow in the undying promises of our precious Savior. In the words of G. P. Howard, we face a humanity that is too precious to neglect. We know a remedy for the ills of the world too wonderful to withhold. We have a Christ too glorious to hide. We have an adventure that is too thrilling to miss."

We present to this Convention assembled the following recommendations:

1. That we pledge anew our loyal support to the United Lutheran Church of America through the California Synod.
2. That as individual church members
   (a) We co-operate in the program of Evangelism.
   (b) We continue our support to Lutheran World Action.
   (c) We give full support to CHEY.
   (d) We heartily approve the new ideal on Stewardship in the U.L.C.A. and determine to give better Christian use of time, talents, and possessions.
3. That a Prayer Chairman be appointed to direct a Prayer Program for the Synodical.
4. That we encourage, through literature and programs, more young men and women to enter full-time Christian service.
5. That each Congregational Society appoint a Triennial Emphasis (W.M.S.) Chairman to promote this three-fold 1949-1952 emphasis.
6. That we urge all our members to keep informed on the whole program of the Women's Missionary Society by reading Lutheran Woman's Work.
7. That we strive to awaken interest in missions in all church members.
8. That a special study be made for a "Summer School of Missions."

Mrs. Albert B. Schwertz, President.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, throughout this past year we have been able to work in a world which, though very dark at times, still has maintained the hope of keeping permanent peace, and

WHEREAS, we as Christian women are constantly aware of our Saviour's enduring love,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: We express our sincere appreciation to the Rev. Charles P. Smith and Mrs. Smith of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Huntington Park, for their gracious hospitality in allowing us to convene in their church and to the women of their church for preparing luncheon on the two days of the convention, and

THAT, We express our appreciation to the Redeemer Lutheran Church of South Gate for their courtesy in serving the banquet in their Parish Hall, and

THAT, we express our most sincere appreciation to Mrs. F. P. Reiter, the General Vice-president of the W.M.S. for her inspirational messages, and

THAT, we acknowledge the many years of service in the mission field in China of Mrs. G. H. Kohls, as she is now continuing her service to students in Berkeley, and

THAT, we extend our sympathy to Dr. James P. Beasom, President of the California Synod, in his illness and the sincere hope that he will soon be fully restored to health, so that he may continue his service in building God's Kingdom, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: We have definite periods set aside at our synodical conventions for Bible study, and

THAT, we recommend the scriptural principle of free will giving in our societies and

THAT, we respectfully request that our societies be notified of special projects well in advance and that no definite quotas be assigned, and

THAT, the resolutions committee be made a standing committee, that it thereby may serve as a more effective medium, through which constructive suggestions may be channeled, to be presented to our synodical society when it is assembled in convention, and

THAT, we look joyfully into the coming year with the privilege of working faithfully here in California in the midst of one of the greatest mission fields in the world and of becoming builders for Him, who is and ever will be the Savior of the world.

Mrs. Heinrich Falk (San Diego), Chairman.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Mrs. Robert Inslee, President

"Traveling El Camino Real" via chartered bus, train and auto, with a stop-over at Christ Lutheran Church (Pacific Beach) San Diego, highlighted the Southern Conference Meeting on September 20, 1949. The 186 delegates and visitors were inspired and challenged by the enthusiasm and consecration of this mission congregation. "Birthday Celebrations" were featured at the banquet.

A President and Treasurer's Workshop was held in Glendale. 105 enthusiastic officers asked questions and took notes on the new W.M.S. program.

The majority of the Societies have been visited since October by the delegates who attended the W.M.S. Convention in Grand Rapids.

Officers for 1949-50 are: Mrs. Robert Inslee, President; Mrs. Charles Smith, First Vice-President; Mrs. Henry Scherer, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Orville Lyon, Secretary; Mrs. M. Woodworth, Treasurer; Miss Eleanor Schlaegel, Historian.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Miss Helene Hjort, President

A successful Conference Meeting was held on November 3rd and 4th, 1949, in St. John's Lutheran Church, Oakland. The theme was "Truly the Harvest is Great for Worship, Membership and Stewardship." There were 131 registered.

Several new Societies were welcomed.

Officers for 1949-50 are: Miss Helene Hjort, President; Mrs. Marion Johnson, First Vice-President; Mrs. F. M. Henderson, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Glen O. Balsley, Secretary; Mrs. H. B. O'Brien, Treasurer; Mrs. C. H. Jackson, Historian.

PROMOTION DIVISION

Mrs. J. P. Beasom, Jr., Secretary

During the past year, it has been the privilege of your Promotion Secretary to visit every area of Synod with the exception of Hawaii in the interest of the Women's Missionary Society. A large number of meetings were held with local leaders and addresses given before Societies. Personal contact, either on individual or congregational levels, were made especially in connection with groups of our new Missions.

It has been a joy to note the growth in interest, membership and loyalty, as well in the number of Societies. At this Convention we are happy to present the following newly organized groups for acceptance into our Synodical Society:

Northern Conference: Fresno, St. Paul's—Women of the Church
Project City, St. James—Women of the Church
San Francisco, Temple—Gamma Chi Circle

Southern Conference: Alhambra, Grace—Christian Life Circle
San Diego, First—Junior Women of the Church
San Fernando, St. Mark's—Women of the Church
Van Nuys, St. Andrew's—Women of the Church

May God add His blessing to each of these, along with all our Societies, keeping us ever faithful to our missionary responsibility.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Miss Helene Hjort, Statistician

	Societies	Members
Northern Conference	26	700
Southern Conference	57	1697
	83	2397

	Northern Conference	Southern Conference	Total
Membership 1948	610	1450	2060
Membership 1949	700	1697	2397
NET GAIN	90	247	337

Northern Conference actually has three new Societies during 1949, but the two Societies at St. Mark's, San Francisco, have combined as one society and Las Vegas which was reported in Northern Conference in 1948 should be in Southern Conference—hence a net gain of one Society.

Southern Conference with four new societies and the addition of Las Vegas has a net gain in Societies of five.

MAGAZINE "Lutheran Woman's Work"

Mrs. Eldon R. Miller, Secretary

	Active Members	Magazine Subscriptions
Northern Conference	700	348
Southern Conference	1697	838
	2397	1186

Societies subscribing 100% 9
Societies reporting NO subscription 19

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS and IN MEMORIAM DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Harry W. Hahn, Secretary

	1949
Life Memberships—during Synodical year	90
Honorary Life Memberships—during Synodical year	47
Total during Synodical year	137
Life Memberships on the Synodical Roll	1532

Honorary Life Memberships on the Synodical Roll	354
Total on the Synodical Roll	1886
Persons memoralized during Synodical year	22
Total "In Memoriams" on the Synodical Roll	266

Total income from this Department for the year 1949 was $1790.00.

A very lovely gesture was made by Miss Eshleman and Mr. J. Edwin Eshleman in making thirteen guests of the Califorina Lutheran Home for the Aged, Alhambra, Life Members; thus making the Home a 100% Society.

ARCHIVIST

Mrs. Wm. H. North

All records of historical interest are included in the Archives which are located at First Church, Los Angeles.

LUTHERAN STUDENT DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Charles A. Miley, Secretary

Of 65 Congregational blanks sent out, 56 Congregations reported as follows:

Students: 239 Men — 117 Women.

Institutions attended: 85 Non-Lutheran — 7 Lutheran.

Students specializing in full time Christian Service: Men — 13 for the Ministry, 1 Social Welfare, Total 14. Women — 1 for the Diaconate, 2 Christian Social Welfare, 9 Nursing, Total 12.

Ten students reported in Lutheran Schools but course of study not given.

SPECIAL AIDS DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Carsten N. Alm, Secretary

Most of the Women's Missionary Groups in the California Synod reported activity in one or more branches of this Department. Rocky Boy, always a favorite North American Mission, was particularly remembered with boxes and gifts of money during the Christmas Season. In the World Mission Field, India was suggested by the National Special Aids Secretary as our California Synodical Christmas Emphasis. As a result 44 boxes were reported sent, most of them containing hospital and dispensary supplies, as well as 19 gifts of money for this field. Many Societies participated in the "Pisces for Peace" project in their local Council of Church Women Community Day program.

Distribution of Special Aids was as follows from the combined Northern and Southern Conference of the California Synodical Societies:

No. of boxes to North American Missions	93
No. of boxes to World Missions	67
No. of boxes to Lutheran World Action and Europe	685
No. of boxes to combined local, California Synodical and Lutheran Welfare—approximately	317
Money sent for Special Aid through the Synodical Treasurer	$422.36
Money sent direct to U.L.C. Missionaries at Home and Abroad	$226.85

PATRON and PROTEGE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. H. H. Roloff, Secretary

This Department of the California Synodical Society supports twelve (12) Native Workers and fifteen (15) Scholarships. Total cash receipts during 1949 $1271.50; an increase of $106.00 over 1948.

This, of course, is very gratifying but the challenge is greater than ever because the highest responsibilities are being carried by Native Christian Leaders, many of whom were supported as proteges in the early stage of their Christian growth.

THANK OFFERING

Mrs. Henry Scherer, Secretary

From many hearts have come daily prayers and gifts, that the whole world may share our Christ.

The total giving for the past triennium was $20,186.36.

The 1949 total was $7073.91.

Thank Offering talks have been given at Riverside, Santa Monica, Alhambra, Advent, Los Angeles, Southern Conference Meeting, and at the President and Treasurer's Workshop. Others scheduled are Beverly Hills, Hollywood, and Santa Monica. Two letters were sent to all Societies in Synod and National letters were sent out as received. A letter was sent to the Northern Conference meeting.

82 Societies reported: 43 have quarterly meetings; 8 semi-annual meetings; 14 annual meetings; 4 societies had three meetings a year; 1 society has a monthly in-gathering; 45 societies have public in-gatherings; 7 reported NO Thank Offering meeting.

MISSION STUDY

Mrs. Elva Nicholson, Secretary

Mission Study has shown a very good increase in the past year. In 1948, 13 Societies had a study of Foreign Missions and 7 had American Missions. In 1949, this increased to 16 Societies on Foreign Missions and 14 on American Missions. This is a 50% gain and shows the interest that is being taken in this phase of missionary work.

Announcement has just been made of the new 1950-51 themes. The Foreign Study "The Near East," will take us to the ancient lands of the Bible which have become the center of gigantic and commercial and political conflicts. The whole Near East calls insistenly for fresh study and service by the Churches of the West.

Our American Mission Study, "Toward a Christian Community," takes us to our own "city" and "rural" neighbors. The local mission of the Christian Church is directed toward permeating the life of the whole community. Our interest in this should be very great because our Lutheran Church is establishing so many new Churches in the new communities of our California Synod.

Watch the "Lutheran Woman's Work" for announcements of the books and study guides. There will be several articles in the coming fall issues that will help you in the planning your study program.

The World Friendship Institute sponsored by the So. Calif. Council of Church Women will be held on September 29th (place to be announced later). There, too, you can receive some very practical helps for presentation of the Mission Study books.

Let us pray for many successful study groups this next year and for God's guidance of them.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

December 15, 1948 to December 15, 1949

Receipts:

Balance on hand December 15, 1948:		$ 2,046.11
Associate Membership	$ 56.50	
Bible Women and Scholarships	1,221.50	
California Lutheran Home	1,184.87	
Christmas Offering	366.37	
Congress Travel Fund	49.00	
Deaconess Fund	130.00	
Designated Gifts	102.00	
General Fund	2,291.75	
India Lace	379.17	
Lenten Offering	395.16	
Life Membership and In Memoriam	1,790.00	
Thank Offering	7,073.91	
Triennial Conv. Fund	175.30	
Shower for Hawaii	5,509.25	
Special Aids	283.36	
Synodical Special	1,708.75	
Synodical Fee	788.20	23,505.09
Total		$25,551.20

Disbursements:

To National Treasurer	14,584.62	
Patricia Rae Chapin	50.00	
Treasurer's Bond	5.00	
National Officers Transportation and Exp.	250.19	
Hawaii Representative	100.00	
Officers' Convention Expense	72.98	
Miscellaneous Convention Expense	50.30	
Expense—Departmental Secretaries	85.63	
Officers' Expenses	96.84	
Printing, Stationery, Postage, Etc.	56.72	
Jeanette Larson—Congress Travel Fund	126.05	
Home Mission—Manhattan Beach and Van Nuys	900.00	
California Lutheran Home	1,178.87	
Refund of L. M. Picture Fee	3.00	
Memorial—California Lutheran Home	6.00	17,566.20
Balance on hand December 15, 1949		$ 7,985.00

Balance on hand as follows:

Deaconess Fund	$ 242.15	
Triennial Convention Expense Fund	6.00	
Congress Travel Fund	49.00	
Shower for Hawaii	5,509.25	
Snyodical Special	967.31	
Synodical Fee	1,211.29	7,985.00

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. E. Russell

Treasurer

1949 CONVENTION SHOWER FOR HAWAII

As a Golden Centennial Shower Gift, the Women's Missionary Societies of the California Synod brought to the Convention luncheon, held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in San Francisco, offerings which totaled $5,509.25, to be used in the establishment and extension of Home Mission work in the Islands of Hawaii. As each gift was brought forward the ship model used in their congregational ingathering was displayed.

Following is the roster of societies and their gifts:

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

Fresno—First	$ 190.00	Sacramento—First	$ 120.00
Honolulu	179.50	Sacramento—St. John's	239.00
Lihue	25.00	Sacramento—St. Paul's	25.00
Oakland—First	75.00	San Francisco—St. Mark's	94.79
Oakland—St. John's	55.00	San Francisco—St. Matthews	120.00
Oakland—St. Michael's	142.00	San Francisco—Temple	10.00
Reno—Ch. of Good Shep.	30.00	San Jose—Grace	76.00
Richmond—Grace	223.00	San Mateo—St. Andrew's	20.00
Richmond—St. James	30.00	Vallejo—St. Paul's	125.00

TOTAL NORTHERN CONFERENCE $1,779.29

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Alhambra-Cal. Luth. Home	$ 15.00	Los Angeles—St. Mark's	153.00
Alhambra—Grace	30.00	Los Angeles—St. Paul's	26.25
Beverly Hills	160.00	Los Angeles—Transfiguration	5.00
Burbank—Luth. Memorial	45.00	No. Hollywood—St. Matthew's	265.00
Culver City—Grace	50.00	Pasadena—Trinity	185.00
El Monte—Redeemer	37.00	Phoenix—Faith	28.00
Gardena—St. John's	60.00	Pomona—Trinity	29.50
Glendale—First	228.45	Riverside—Trinity	100.00
Hollywood	300.00	San Bernardino—First	56.00
Huntington Pr.—St. Luke's	106.11	San Diego—First	131.00
Inglewood—Holy Trinity	35.00	San Diego—Christ	118.75
LaCanada—Foothills	34.00	Santa Barbara—Grace	89.00
Long Beach—Lakewood	35.00	Santa Monica—St. Paul's	67.00
Long Beach—Faith	22.25	Tucson—Our Saviour's	16.00
Long Beach—Trinity	345.00	Westwood Village	28.00
Los Angeles—Advent	245.00	Whittier—Salem	28.00
Los Angeles—Bethany	17.65	Southern Conference Congress	85.00
Los Angeles—First	$ 554.00		

TOTAL SOUTHERN CONFERENCE $3,729.96

GRAND TOTAL FOR HAWAII $5,509.25

Respectfully submitted,

Esther C. Alm,

Shower Chairman

Statistical Report—Women's Missionary Society of the Northern Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1949—Table 1—Cont'd.

No. of Society	FOR CONFERENCE OR SYNODICAL USE NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	MEMBERSHIP No. of Societies Organized Before June 30 of Last Year	No. of Societies Organized Since June 30 of Last Year	Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	PERSONNEL OF SOCIETY How Many Members Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	How Many Business and Professional Women?	Mission Study No. of Study Groups—No. American Missions	No. of Study Groups—World Missions	No. of Persons in Groups	No. of Persons Completing Reading Course	No. of Society
	NORTHERN CONFERENCE													
1	Fresno, First (Friendship Circle)	1			43	43		43						1
2	Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)	1		12	20	32		18	14		1	35		2
3	Fresno, St. Pauls, Women of the Church		1	(Organized Jan. 1950										3
4	Honolulu Lutheran (Ladies' Guild)	1			11	11		9	2					4
5	Oakland, First (Women of the Church)	1		15	35	50		35	15					5
6	Oakland, St. John's (W. M. S.)	1			11	11		11						6
7	Oakland, St. Michael's (Women of the Church)	1			40	40		37	3					7
8	Oakland, St. Michaels, Wom. of Ch.—Scheehl-Kramer Group	1		5	10	15		15						8
9	Project City, St. James Evan., Women of the Church		1		13	13		13						9
10	Reno, Good Shepherd Lutheran, The Shepherdess Circle	1		10	22	32		29	3					10
11	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			31	31		31				30		11
12	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Evening Group)	1		15	10	25		22	3					12
13	Richmond, St. James (Women of St. James)	1			18	18		18						13
14	Sacramento, First (W. of Ch.)	1			45	45		40	5					14
15	Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)	1		2	42	44		29	15					15
16	Sacramento, St. John's (Mary E. Oehler)	1			26	26		25	1					16
17	Sacramento, St. Paul's (Missionary Guild)	1			15	15		15						17
18	San Francisco, First English (Women's Guild)	1			12	12		12						18
19	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S. Day Group)	1			25	25		25						19
20	San Francisco, St. Matthew's (W. M. S.)	1			14	14		14		4	4	10		20
21	San Francisco, Temple (Women of the Church)	1			16	16		16		1	4	15		21
22	San Jose, Grace (Mission Women of the Church)	1		1	43	44		37	7					22
23	San Leandro, Ephiphany Lutheran, Women of the Church		1	23	22	45	1	37	7					23
24	San Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of St. Andrew's)	1		2	16	18		18						24
25	Vallejo, St. Paul's (Guild)	1		32	38	60		47	13	3	3	55	49	25
26	Yreka, Mt. Zion (Women of the Church)	1		4	11	15		12	3					26
	TOTAL	23	3	111	589	700	1	608	91	9	12	115	49	
	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2													
27	Alhambra, Lutheran Home, Louise Miller Miss. Society	1			20	20		20	5	6		20		27
28	Alhambra, Grace (Women of Grace Church)	1			23	23		23						28
29	Alhambra, Grace, Ch.istian Life Circle		1		26	26		26						29
30	Alhambra, Our Saviour's, Women of the Church		1		15	15		15						30
31	Altadena, Altadena Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		4	28	32		28	4	1	1	29		31
32	Beverly Hills Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		3	42	45		40	5					32
33	Burbank, Luther Memorial (Dorcas)	1		2	28	30		21	9					33
34	Culver City, Grace (Ladies of Grace Church)	1			25	25		25		1	1	20		34
35	El Monte, Redeemer Wom. of Churdh	1		5	5	10		8	2					35
36	Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)	1		1	24	25		25						36
37	Glendale, First Lutheran(Women of the Church)	1			101	101		101			1	100	25	37
38	Glendale, First (Business & Professional Group)	1			20	20		[illegible]	20					38
39	Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (Women of the Church)	1		5	60	65		65		3		65		39
40	Hollywood, Hollywood Lutheran (F. M. Welty)	1		7	23	30		24	6					40
41	Hollywood, Beth St. Luke's (Gospel Light)	1			23	23		22	1		1	16		41

	Week of Prayer			LW W	Mc. Pro.	Promotion		Pa. & Pro.	Th.-Off.	Special Aids					Coll. Plan		
No. of Society	Did Your Society Observe the Lenten Week of Prayer and Self Denial?	No. of Meetings Held	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	How Many Magazine Subscriptions in Your Society?	How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	Have You Distributed Missionary Literature the Past Year to Those Outside Your Own Society?	No. of New ACTIVE Members Since June 30 Last Year	Does your Soc. Have part in Patron and Protege Dept.	No. of Public Thank-Offering Services	No. of Boxes to North American Missions	No. of Boxes to World Missions	No' of Boxes to L. W. A.	Boxes to Other Mission Work	Money sent not thru Treasurer	No. Societies Using United Prog. Plan	Attendande at World Day of Prayer	No. of Society
NORTHERN CONFERENCE																	
1	YES	1	NO	15	YES	NO	6	NO	NO		1		6			6	1
2	YES	1		10	YES	NO		NO	NO		5	10					2
3				1													3
4				10	YES		1	NO	YES			18					4
5	YES	3	YES	50	YES	NO		YES	YES		2	6			YES		5
6	YES	1	YES	10	YES	NO		NO	YES			30				2	6
7	YES	3	YES	50	YES	YES		YES	YES	1	4	135	13	$37	YES		7
8				2	NO		5					6		10	YES		8
9				12	YES	YES	13		YES								9
10							5		YES	1				15	YES	11	10
11	YES	5	YES	10	YES			YES	YES					25	YES		11
12	YES	5	YES	20	YES			YES	YES			26		17	YES	2	12
13				15	YES					1		10		12	YES		13
14	YES	1		16	YES			NO	YES	1	1	4	6		YES	25	14
15					YES		7		YES	3	1	1				1	15
16	YES			16	YES	YES	4		YES		1	1	8	100		12	16
17															YES		17
18				4					YES						YES		18
19				6	YES	YES			YES	3	1			10	YES	5	19
20	YES	2	YES	3	YES	YES	14		YES			6			YES		20
21				2	YES						4	6			YES		21
22	YES	4	YES	25	YES	YES	4		YES	2		4		10		8	22
23				12						3							23
24				2	YES	NO	4		YES			13	3		YES	8	24
25	YES	5	YES	32	YES		14		YES	3	1	39	2	22	YES	10	25
26				25			2			6			3	15	YES		26
	12	31	8	348	19	6	79	4	17	24	21	315	42	$273	16	90	
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—TABLE 2																	
27				4	YES	YES			YES		6	2	1	$38			27
28				17	NO	YES	2			1		5	3		YES	12	28
29												42					29
30				11			1	NO	NO	1		2		13	YES		30
31				15	YES		10									10	31
32	YES	1		25	YES					1			2		YES	30	32
33				12	YES		10	YES	NO	1		4	22		YES	2	33
34				15	YES					2	1		2	YES	YES		34
35				10	YES					1		1	4		YES	5	35
36	YES	5	YES	12	YES		6	YES	YES		1		4		YES	25	36
37	YES	5	YES	107	YES		9	YES	YES	2	2	8	3		YES	20	37
38										1							38
39	YES	3	YES	40	YES	YES		YES	YES	1	2		1	106	YES	24	39
40						YES	5		YES				2	5			40
41	YES	1	YES	25	YES	YES				2		1	2	40		5	41

Statistical Report—Women's Missionary Society of the Southern Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1949—Table 2—Continued

No. of Society	FOR CONFERENCE OR SYNODICAL USE NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY	MEMBERSHIP Societies Reported for 1948	No. of Societies Organized Since June 30 Last Yr	Active—Under 30 Years of Age	Active—Over 30 Years of Age	Total Active Membership	PERSONNEL OF SOCIETY How Many Members Are Students?	How Many Homemakers?	How Many Bus. and Professional Women?	Mission Study No. of Study Groups—No. Amer. Missions	No. of Study Groups—World Missions	No. of Persons in Groups	No. of Persons Completing Reading Course	No. of Society
	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—Continued													
42	Huntington Park, St. Luke's (Go Ye)	1		13	7	20		14	6					42
43	Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)	1		5	30	35	2	33						43
44	La Canada, Evang. Luth. in Foothills, Women of Church	1		5	10	15		11	4					44
45	Lakewood, Evangelical Lutheran, Women of Church	1		5	16	21		18	3					45
46	Las Vegas, Reformotion Luth. Women of Church	1		4	14	18		18						46
47	Long Beach, Faith (W. M. S.)	1			14	14		13	1					47
48	Long Beach, Trinity (Women of the Church)	1		19	106	125		115	10		8	15		48
49	Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)	1			38	38		36	2					49
50	Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas)	1		3	14	17		2	15		1			50
51	Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eta Sigma)	1		14		14	1	1	12					51
52	Los Angeles, Bethany (W. M. S.)	1		2	15	17		16	1					52
53	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			70	70		70		1	2	25		53
54	Los Angeles, First (Women of Church, Evening Group)	1				25		25			1	25		54
55	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (W. M. S.)	1			25	25		25						55
56	Los Angeles, St. Mark's (Loving Hearts)	1		4	13	17	2	9	6					56
57	Los Angeles. St. Paul's (W. M. S.)	1			11	11		11						57
58	Los Angeles, St. Paul's (Yowomis)	1		15	6	21		16	5					58
59	Los Angeles,Transfiguration (Women of the Church)	1		10	10	20		15	5					59
60	North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Mena Spirer)	1			25	25		25						60
61	North Hollywood, St. Matthew's (Faith)	1			26	20		14	6					61
62	Pasadena, Trinity (W. M. S.)	1		30	70	100	15	70	15					62
63	Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)	1			25	25		25						63
64	Phoenix, Grace (Women of the Church)	1		10	50	60		60			1	70		64
65	Pomona,Trinity (Women of the Church)	1			13	13		9	4					65
66	Redlands, First Lutheran (W. M. S.)	1			23	23		22	1	1	1	27		66
67	Redlands, First (Women's Guild)	1		3	19	22		15	7					67
68	Riverside, Trinity (Womens' Mission Guild)	1			15	15		14	1					68
69	Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)	1		11	19	30		14	16	1		15		69
70	San Bernardino, First Women of Church	1		2	35	37		37		4		10		70
71	San Bernardino, First Young Women of Church	1		10	1	11	10	1						71
72	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)	1			27	27		26	1		8	10		72
73	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)	1			15	15		7	8					73
74	San Diego, First, Junior Women of the Church		1	10		10		6	4					74
75	San Diego, (Ocean Beach) St. Peter's by the Sea (Wom. of Ch.)	1		5	13	18		17	1					75
76	San Diego, Christ Lutheran (Pacific Beach)	1		33	10	43		39	4					76
77	Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)	1		5	40	45		35	10					77
78	San Fernando, St. Marks, Women of the Church		1		20	20		20						78
79	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Mission Soc.)	1			60	60		58	2	10		10		79
80	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Dorcas Society)	1			30	30		10	20					80
81	Tucson, Our Saviour's (Women of the Church)	1		1	31	32		22	10	1		25		81
82	Westwood Village (Mission Guild)	1			25	25		25						82
83	West Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)	1		6	14	20		20						83
	TOTAL SOUTHERN CONFERENCE	53	4	250	1487	1739	30	1482	227	29	26	522	25	
	GRAND TOTAL BOTH CONFERENCES	76	7	363	2076	2439	31	2090	318	38	38	627	74	

No. of Society	Week of Prayer: Did Your Society Observe the Lenten Week of Prayer and Self Denial?	Week of Prayer: No. of Meetings Held	Week of Prayer: How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	LWW: How Many Magazine Subscriptions in Your Society?	Mo. Pro.: How Many Societies Use the Programs Issued by the Education Division?	Promotion: Have You Distributed Missionary Literature the Past Year to Those Outside Your Own Society?	Promotion: No. of New ACTIVE Members Since June 30 Last Year	Pa. & Pro.: Does your Soc. Have part in Patron and Protege Dept.	Th.-Off.: No. of Public Thank-Offering Services	Special Aids: No. of Boxes to North American Missions	Special Aids: No. of Boxes to World Missions	No. of Boxes to L. W. A.	Boxes to Other Mission Work	Money sent not thru Treasurer	Unit Plan: No. Societies Using United Prog. Plan	Attendance at World Day of Prayer	No. of Society
							SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—Continued										
42				16	YES												42
43	YES	1		21			5			5		2	4	45	YES	15	43
44				10	YES										YES		44
45				12	YES		11		YES	1	1	10	5	51	YES		95
46															YES		16
47				4	YES					2		3	1	37	YES		47
48				107			15	YES	YES	1	5	1	5	60	YES		48
49	YES		YES	42	YES			YES	YES	2	2	104	12	118	YES		49
50				2			10		YES				3			1	50
51				2			3		YES		3	2	3	2			51
52				1	YES		3		YES			3	1		YES		52
53	YES	3	YES	60	YES	YES		YES	YES	8	1	3	18	35	YES	25	53
54				10	YES			YES	YES				3			10	54
55				16	YES							10	2				55
56				8	YES		3	YES		1		3	3	25			56
57	YES	1	YES	11	YES	YES			YES	1		2	2			7	57
58	YES						4		YES	3			1		YES	5	58
59				5						2	5	2	6		YES	5	59
60				25	YES		2	YES	YES	1		18	2	20		8	60
61				20	YES		4		YES		1	8	1	20			61
62	YES	1	YES	50	YES		25		YES		4	26	4			6	62
63				25	YES		3	YES	YES	6		14	5		YES	25	63
64	YES	1	YES		YES		10	YES	YES		3	20	14	315	YES	12	64
65				15	YES		4		YES	2	1			30	YES	3	65
66	YES	1	YES	10	YES		1		YES	1			1		YES	3	66
67				2			7								YES		67
68	YES			7	YES				YES		1		1	100		10	68
69				8	YES		11		YES	1			4	15		1	69
70							7			2	1	15	1	5	YES	5	70
71							1		YES	2	1			26	YES	3	71
72	YES	5	YES	23	YES			YES	YES	2		35	30		YES	12	72
73	YES			14	YES				YES			1	14				73
74															YES		74
75				2	YES		3						1		YES		75
76					YES		10		YES		3		3	46	YES	60	76
77				12	YES		10		YES	2		3	4	15	YES	10	77
78															YES		78
79	YES	1	YES	16	YES		11		YES	5		1	14			15	79
80																	80
81	YES	3	YES	15	YES		7			6		16			YES	30	81
82													1				82
83				6	YES		6		YES		2	3	1		YES		83
	18	32	13	855	37	7	209	13	31	69	46	370	213	1167	35	394	
	20	63	21	1203	56	13	288	17	48	93	67	685	255	1440	51	484	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER—WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DEC. 15, 1948 TO DEC. 15, 1949—Table 1

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY		Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	California Lutheran Home	Christmas Offering	Congress Fund	Deaconess Fund	No. of Society
1	Alhambra (Women of Grace Church)	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	1
* 2	Alhambra, California Lutheran Home								2*
* 3	Alhambra, Our Savior's, Women of the Church								3*
4	Altadena (Women of the Church)								4
5	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Women of the Church			10.00		10.00		2.00	5
6	Berkeley, St. Michael's (Scheel-Kramer)								6
7	Beverly Hills (Women of the Church)		1.50			6.25	1.00	1.00	7
8	Burbank, Luther Memorial (Dorcas)								8
* 9	Central Valley, Women's Missionary Society								9*
10	Culver City (Women of Grace Church)						1.00	1.00	10
11	El Monte, Redeemer, Women of the Church								11
12	Fresno First (Women of the Church, Friendship Circle)					29.75	1.00	1.00	12
13	Fresno, First (Chi Rho Circle)						1.00	1.00	13
14	Gardena, St. John's (Women of the Church)			25.00			1.00	5.00	14
15	Glendale, First (Womens Council of Christian Missions)			180.00			1.00	20.00	15
16	Glendale, First (Business and Professional Group)						1.00		16
17	Hollywood (Women of the Church)			50.00				2.00	17
18	Hollywood (Florence M. Welty)					11.00	1.00	1.00	18
19	Honolulu, (Ladies' Guild & Missionary Society)				5.40				19
*20	Hawaii, Lihue								20*
21	Huntington Park, St. Lukes (Gospel Light)		3.00			15.00	1.00	1.00	21
22	Huntington Park, St. Lukes (Go Ye's)					5.00	1.00	1.00	22
23	Inglewood, Holy Trinity (Dorcas)						1.00	1.00	23
24	La Canada, Women of the Church								24
25	Lakewood, Women of the Church								25
*26	Las Vegas, Chruch of Reformation, Wom. of Church					10.00	1.00		26*
27	Long Beach, Faith (Women of the Church				10.00				27
28	Long Beach, Trinity (W. M. S.)			215.00			1.00	14.00	28
29	Los Angeles, Advent (Women of the Church)		4.00	80.00		30.00	1.00	5.00	29
30	Los Angeles, Advent (Dorcas)					5.00	1.00	1.00	30
31	Los Angeles, Advent (Iota Eta Sigma)					5.23	1.00	1.00	31
32	Los Angeles, Bethany (W. M. S.)					2.00	1.00	1.00	32
33	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)			50.00		10.00	2.00	5.00	33
34	Los Angeles, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)								34
35	Los Angeles, St. Marks (W. M. S.)					8.60	2.00	2.00	35
36	Los Angeles, St. Marks (Loving Hearts)			50.00	100.00				36
37	Los Angeles, St. Pauls (Women of the Church)					1.00			37
38	Los Angeles, St. Paul's, Yowyomis								38
39	Los Angeles, Transfiguration, Dorcas								39
40	North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Mena Spirer)		1.00	5.00			1.00	5.00	40
41	North Hollywood, St. Matthews (Faith)		2.00				1.00	10.00	41
42	Oakland, First (Women of the Church)			50.00		15.00	1.00	5.00	42
43	Oakland, St. John's (W. M. S.)						1.00	1.00	43

No. of Society	NAME OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY		Associate Members	Bible Women Scholarships	California Lutheran Home	Christmas Offering	Congress Fund	Deaconess Fund	No. of Society
44	Pasadena, Trinity (W. M. S.)					6.50	1.00	1.00	44
45	Phoenix, Faith (Women of the Church)			50.00			2.00	2.00	45
46	Phoenix, Grace (Women of the Church)			6.50			1.00	5.00	46
47	Pomona, Trinity (W. M. S.)								47
48	Redlands, First (W. M. S.)					2.00	1.00	1.00	48
49	Redlands, First, Woman's Guild								49
*50	Reno, Church of Good Shepherd, Shepherdess Circle								50*
51	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Day Group)			40.00		10.00	1.00	1.00	51
52	Richmond, Grace (Women of the Church, Evening Group)			30.00		4.21	1.00	1.00	52
53	Richmond, St. James' (Women of the Church)								53
54	Riverside, Trinity (Women's Missionary Guild)					3.50	1.00	1.00	54
55	Riverside, Trinity (Nona M. Diehl)				8.40	3.75			55
56	Sacramento, First (Women of the Church		15.00			13.90	1.00	1.00	56
57	Sacramento, St. John's (Dorcas)		3.00			9.12	1.00	7.50	57
58	Sacramento, St. John's (Mary E. Oehler)		3.00	100.00		15.60	1.00	5.00	58
59	Sacramento, St. Paul's (Women of the Church)								59
60	San Bernardino, First Women of the Church					10.00	1.00	1.00	60
61	San Bernardino, First Young Wum. of Church								61
62	San Diego, Christs (Pac. Beach - Women of the Church)								62
63	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Day Group)			230.00		19.80	1.00	1.00	63
64	San Diego, First (Women of the Church, Evening Group)					5.06	1.00	2.50	64
*65	San Diego, First, Young Women of the Church								65*
66	San Diego, St. Peter's by the Sea (Women of the Church)				10.00				66
67	San Francisco, First (Women's Guild)						1.00	1.00	67
68	San Francisco, St. Matthew's (W. M. S.)					20.00	1.00	1.00	68
69	San Francisco, St. Mark's (W. M. S. Day Group)			50.00		9.90	1.00	1.00	69
70	San Francisco, St. Marks (Eve. Group)								70
*71	San Francisco, Temple, Women of the Church								71*
72	San Jose, Grace (Women of the Church)		3.00			10.00	1.00	1.00	72
73	San Mateo, St. Andrew's (Women of the Church)								73
74	Santa Barbara, Grace (Women of the Church)		3.00		6.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	74
75	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Guild & Miss. Soc.		3.00				1.00	5.00	75
76	Santa Monica, St. Paul's (Dorcas)								76
77	Tucson, Our Saviours (Women of the Church)								77
78	Vallejo, St. Paul's (Lutheran Guild)					39.20	1.00	1.00	78
79	Westwood, Village Church (Miss. Guild)								79
80	Whittier, Salem (Women of the Church)								80
81	Yreka, Mt. Zion, Women of the Church					10.00			81
82	Congress of Southern Conference								82
*83	Southern Conference				1045.07				83*
84	W. M. S. Synod of California (Convention)								84
*85	Transfer from General to Assoc. Members		15.00						85*
*86	Transfer from Synod. Fee to Tri. Conv. Exp.								86*
	TOTALS		$56.50	$1221.50	$1184.87	$366.37	$49.00	130.00	

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